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NEW BOOST FOR LEISURE CENTRE

Report by Sue Austin

OSWESTRY Leisure Centre's future looks secure after Shropshire Council named the town as one of its three proposed main hubs for leisure services in the future.

There had been fears that the complex could be closed under hard-hitting local authority cuts.

But the council has revealed that it wants to invest in and support a community leisure hub in Oswestry as well as Shrewsbury and Ludlow, as part of its strategy for the next 20 years.

Councillor Steve Charmley, Deputy Leader of Shropshire Council, said it was excellent news for Oswestry and an indication of the quality of facilities and opportunities provided at the leisure centre on Shrewsbury Road.

A public consultation on the council leisure strategy will run until September 30 and Councillor Charmley is urging sports clubs and individuals to back the leisure centre by getting involved in that consultation.

Funding

A number of sports halls and swimming pools across Shropshire, particularly in the south and the north east of the county, are under threat of having their funding withdrawn unless community groups or town and parish councils come forward to help.

The draft report states: "Shropshire Council needs to focus resources and provision in the three main towns of Oswestry, Shrewsbury and Ludlow; core provision is swimming, sports hall and fitness." It points out that Oswestry has a growing population with young people moving into the area. The document also says the authority must ensure that school swimming is "a priority - accessible, available, and can be done as effectively as possible". The success of Oswestry Leisure Centre, which opened in 2011, is evident throughout the draft strategy.

A recent audit of all sport facilities in the county gave the centre a 92 per cent, excellent, score, the second highest mark in Shropshire. "It is a flagship facility for north west Shropshire," the audit table says.

Value for money is also flagged up in the report. Last year there were 223,555 individual visits to the leisure centre with each one costing Shropshire Council 44 pence, much lower than most other sports halls and swimming pools.

Councillor Charmley said: "The leisure centre is definitely a flagship facility and its success is testament to the quality of the services that are provided there."

"Oswestry has a great sporting reputation, from school sports through to club sports. I am delighted that this seems to have been recognised in this draft leisure strategy."

The leisure centre is currently running 'Finding Dory' family swim sessions, a Superstars holiday club and is also supporting the national This Girl Can initiative with healthy living programmes and women only swim sessions.

All ages come together to support big show



Show officials Charlotte Thomas, Malcolm Roberts and Alice Roberts prepare for the event at Park Hall on Saturday

FROM the youngest to the oldest - supporters of Oswestry Show are gearing up for the popular one-day event at the weekend.

The show on Saturday has always promised fun for all the family and organisers say the all-ages rule also applies to those involved in its planning and set-up.

Young people have been working in the office at the showground at Park Hall for several weeks to help ensure everything runs smoothly on the day.

Oswestry and Whittington Young Farmers' Club is also busy organising its contribution to the day, which will include a special version of the TV show, Total Wipe Out.

Older supporters also helping include members of Oswestry Men's Sheds group, which

is based at the showground. They have been making sure the ground is in tip-top condition for Saturday.

Horticultural competition supporter Ernie Hardman has marked his 90th birthday by presenting the society with a cup and rosette for the best pot plant at the annual show.

Horticultural chairman Margaret Hudson commented that the show relies on committed exhibitors such as Mr Hardman and Andrew Jones from Maesbrook for their dedication and continued support.

An exciting schedule has been arranged for the main ring programme.

The programme this year includes a display from The White Helmets Royal Signal Motorcycle Team and Bobb Hogg with his sheepdogs

and ducks while the Sir Watkins Williams Wynne Hunt will introduce their pack of old English foxhounds to visitors.

A variety of entertainment has been organised for the village green to include a programme filled with dance, magic and music.

Malcolm Roberts, show chairman, said the park and ride bus service from the livestock market in Shrewsbury Road starts at 9am on Saturday. An Owen's coach will take passengers to the showground on the hour, picking up at the Park Gates in the town centre.

The last bus to the showground will be at 2pm and the last one will leave Park Hall at 6.15pm.

The bus service is free to visitors to the show.

ENERGY

Trial run will pave the way for further wind farm convoys

A TRIAL run which will pave the way for a second convoy of lorries carrying large wind turbine parts through the Oswestry and Welshpool area is set to take place tomorrow (Friday).

Lorries are currently carrying turbine blades and parts along the A483 trunk road on a daily basis. The Tlwgwynt wind farm convoys are scheduled to head to Carno for up to six days a week until the middle of September.

This week it was revealed a separate set of turbine deliveries are to travel on a similar route, with a trial run planned for tomorrow. The new convoys will be destined for Garreg Lwyd Hill wind farm between Felindre and Llanbadarn Fynydd, where work is scheduled to start in mid-September and last until Christmas.

Renewable Energy Systems Limited has sent a letter to homes and businesses along the turbine delivery route for Garreg Lwyd Hill wind farm to provide advance notice of the trial run.

RES spokeswoman Samantha Mayes said: "The purpose of the trial run is to undertake a drive through of the delivery route with an empty abnormal indivisible load vehicle to confirm the roadworks along the A483 which have been ongoing over the past six months are suitable and that the turbine components can be delivered to site with minimal disruption."

The full programme of convoys to Garreg Lwyd Hill will start on September 12.

HOSPITALS

Another delay for £15m development

THE opening of a £15 million development at Oswestry Orthopaedic Hospital has been further delayed.

The theatre and ward development was originally due to be opened in June and was then put back to July 18, then to August 1 with the first surgical patients on August 15.

Bosses have now confirmed the hand-over will not take place until August 15. They will wait a fortnight to ensure everything is ready before the first surgical patients enter the building on August 30. The new delay is due to work inside the building not yet being completed.

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Governors suspended over school bus transport row

Report by Sue Austin

THREE governors from a high school embroiled in a row over home to school transport have been suspended for four months with another governor suspended for a month.

The governors, all Powys County Councillors, were originally removed from their roles at Llanfyllin High School but appealed.

They will now have to serve a suspension and undergo re-training instead.

Powys County Council said the school should not have offered subsidised transport to 149 pupils, some from the Oswestry area, for whom Llanfyllin is not their nearest secondary school.

It is allowing the arrangement at Llanfyllin to continue for the next two years although at an increased charge, £120 a term rather than the £80 a term parents currently pay. That will jump to more than £200 a term in two years' time.

Four local authority governors, Councillor Darren Mayor, Councillor Aled Davies, Councillor Peter Lewis and Councillor Gwynfor Thomas, had been dismissed by the county council's cabinet as local authority governors following Llanfyllin High School's use of delegated school funding for transport in breach of council policy. Former cabinet member Councillor Myfanwy Alexander had also been dismissed as an LA governor of any Powys school.

Following their appeal, council leader, Councillor Barry Thomas, said: "I can confirm that the original decision to dismiss the councillors as governors has changed. Councillors Darren Mayor, Aled Davies and Peter Lewis will be suspended for four months and they will have to undertake training prior to their return as governors. The training will be provided by the authority. Councillor Gwynfor Thomas, who was not a governor when the original decision was made will be unable to resume duties as an governor for one month. The appeal by Councillor Myfanwy Alexander has been upheld in full and she will not be removed or suspended for acting as an LA governor but the issue has already been referred to the Local Government Ombudsman to consider her conduct as a cabinet portfolio holder. The appeal hearing considered there were mitigating circumstances that needed to be taken into consideration and have now been reflected in the changes."

Everything in the garden is now looking rosy



Mike Sheldon, Eric Morris and Betty Richards have brightened up Yorkfields sheltered housing complex in Oswestry

EVERYTHING in this garden is looking rosy – but only thanks to the hard work of some of the pensioners who live there.

Residents at the Yorkfields sheltered housing complex in Oswestry always enjoyed the show of flowers and shrubs outside their homes created by council workmen.

But Shropshire Council cuts had seen the gardens become unloved and untidy.

That was until some of the residents stepped in.

Betty Richards began the ball rolling by

buying some plants and shrubs before keen gardeners Eric Morris and Michael Sheldon took over.

Mrs Richards said: "They have been tremendous."

"They have worked and worked on the gardens, hours every day to get them looking like they are."

"The wonderful show of flowers is a credit to them."

Now the Yorkfields communal areas include a colourful rose garden, a shrubbery

and areas with bedding plants. Some of the other residents have also planted flowers outside their bungalows.

"Shirley Thomas has a lovely show of flowers outside her home and some of the others have joined in, too."

"It has really brightened the place up," Mrs Richards said.

"We understand that the council hasn't got the money it used to have so we thought we had better roll up our sleeves and do it ourselves."

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Centre ready to continue tourism push

A VISITOR and exhibition centre says it is being re-discovered, after the closure of the local tourist information centre.

Shropshire Council closed the award-winning Mile End TIC on the edge of Oswestry last month because of budget cuts.

Shropshire Borderland Tourism has been commissioned on a three-year contract to deal with inquiries from visitors by e-mail, telephone and post – saving the council as much as £18,660.

It is also welcoming personal visitors to its base in the very heart of Oswestry. Tourism members say that despite being in Oswestry for more than 30 years, visitors and townspeople alike are only just discovering the town centre's visitor and exhibition centre in the grounds of St Oswald's Parish Church.

"The closure of Mile End Tourism Centre was a blow to local tourism", chairman of Oswestry Borderland Tourism, Richard Powell said.

"Despite what many people think though, there is a town information centre and it has been operating for over 30 years. Oswestry Borderland Tourism is working together with Oswestry Town Council to raise awareness of the centre and would especially like local people to call in, have a look round and then tell visitors to the town where it is"

Plan is finalised for village show

RHYDYCROESAU Village Show is fast approaching and organisers say they are looking forward to an entertaining and exciting day on August 20.

Sue Nabb from the show committee said: "The committee are busy shining up the cups and shields for the new shearing competition, as well as the usual horticulture, produce and arts and crafts sections. The new children's tent with special events and a pet corner are being prepared with rosettes and certificates being checked, not forgetting the dog show and horse show. Included in the children's activities will be a fancy dress competition on a Beatrix Potter theme. New among the stalls this year will be a local blacksmith and handcrafted wooden tables and benches.

For details visit www.rhydycroesau-show.co.uk or call (01691) 653413.

Police boss gives pledge over officer numbers

Report by Wayne Beese

TOWNS and villages in Shropshire will get more police officers as they continue to expand, West Mercia's crime commissioner has pledged.

John Campion vowed to make sure the police would have the resources to serve the county's growing population.

He was speaking after a leading police officer warned he would need more staff to police a new mini-village earmarked for Oswestry. Superintendent David McWilliam, who heads the Shropshire policing area, said "unacceptable pressure" would be put on existing officers if the force did not get in line with the population of the county.

Mr Campion said: "We are seeing increasing populations in many of Shropshire's towns and villages and this potential development in Oswestry is an example of how that is happening. It is important that communities continue to get the service they need from their police force as they develop. I will make sure the force has the resources it needs to provide that, and will continually hold the chief constable to account to ensure it is delivered."

The Place Partnership, which manages the estates of regional police forces, says the developers of the proposals for Oswestry should put their hands in their pockets and contribute to extra policing for the town.

J Ross Developments has submitted an outline application for up to 600 homes and infrastructure on land north of the Shrewsbury Road.

Superintendent McWilliam said the county had 290 staff serving 131,522 households.

Mathematically this should mean that an extra 600 homes would need 1.3 extra staff, he added.

The Place Partnership is calling on Shropshire Council to insist on a Section 106 agreement attached to any planning permission which would mean that the developer would have to agree to giving a sum towards the policing of the new estate.

Superintendent McWilliam said: "It is a fact that population and in-migration to Shropshire is increasing.

"Like many public sector organisations West Mercia Police has seen a real terms reduction in ground funding."

Motorcyclist hurt in road collision



Emergency services were called to assist a motorcyclist hurt in a crash near Oswestry's Mile End roundabout

A TEENAGE motorcyclist required hospital treatment after a lunchtime collision with a car near to a busy roundabout.

The crash on the Gwern-y-Brenin road near the Mile End roundabout in Oswestry happened shortly before 1pm on Friday last week and resulted in the southbound carriage-way at Maesbury Road being closed.

The vehicles involved were a blue Vauxhall Astra and red Yamaha motorcycle.

Jamie Arrowsmith, spokesman for West Midlands Ambulance Service, said the teenage male suffered injuries to his left shoulder, elbow

and ribs and has been immobilised. He was given pain relief before being transported to the Royal Shrewsbury Hospital for further treatment.

The road re-opened about an hour later.

Meanwhile in a separate road collision a passenger on a motorcycle had to be treated in hospital for what police described as "life-changing injuries".

The woman was taken for care to the Royal Stoke University Hospital's trauma centre after being airlifted following the crash, which took place north of Oswestry on the

A5. She suffered leg injuries in the crash, which involved a Volvo car and a motorcycle.

The crash took place shortly after 4pm on Sunday close to the Halton roundabout on the Chirk bypass.

Police closed the road to allow emergency services to get to the scene and it remained shut for several hours while an initial investigation was carried out.

Anybody who witnessed the collision is asked to contact police officers at the Roads Policing Unit at North Wales Police by calling on 101, quoting reference number U113298.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Green Party chief in visit to county

A "PROGRESSIVE alliance" of left-leaning parties is what is needed in post-EU referendum Britain, Green Party leader Natalie Bennett told Shropshire supporters.

Ms Bennett took part in a week-end visit to the county in which she showed support for campaigners to keep the Quarry Swimming and Fitness Centre in Shrewsbury where it is and backed supporters of Brynhafof Field recreation ground in Oswestry over fears its future may be affected by Shropshire Council cuts.

Ms Bennett is set to step down as Green leader this autumn, but said she was still very concerned about where British politics was going with both major parties showing signs of crisis. She said a political system dominated by just two parties was no longer working.

Body recovered near aqueduct

THE body of a man believed to have been in his twenties was recovered near Pontcysyllte Aqueduct near Oswestry on Sunday night.

North Wales Police said the death of the man – who has not been identified – is not being treated as suspicious.

The police forces said investigations into the incident are continuing.

A fire crew attended the scene near the Trevor Basin at 6.27pm on Sunday and took one fire engine and a water incident unit to the location.

Firefighters left the scene at 9.12pm.

North Wales Police have asked anyone with information about the incident to call 101 quoting reference U113364.

Whistle blowing figures released

SHROPSHIRE Council dealt with 10 whistle blowing claims over the past year, new figures show.

Only two showed there was a case to answer with no action taken over the remaining eight. A report showed five allegations of corruption were made, along with one of theft, one of harassment and one of employment breach. An allegation of breach of trust and confidence, along with misuse of council IT equipment was also alleged. This led to employees leaving by mutual agreement.

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Cheryl James

Former soldier tells of ‘brutality’

A FORMER soldier from the controversial Deepcut Army Barracks has spoken of how he used to hide in a locked cupboard to get away from the ‘insidious bullying’ that went on there.

Stewart Thompson says there has to be a public inquiry into the brutal regime at the Surrey training camp.

Mr Thompson had a breakdown six years after his time in the barracks. “The brutality was insidious and completely unexpected and for no reason,” he told the BBC’s Victoria Derbyshire show.

The parents of Cheryl James, one of four young soldiers found dead at the barracks, have praised Mr Thompson for coming forward.

Des and Doreen James from Llanyrnech, near Oswestry, said it showed that there were still people

suffering from the effects of what had happened.

In June an inquest into the death of 18-year-old Cheryl, who died at Deepcut in 1995, concluded that she took her own life.

Mr James said Mr Thompson’s account of Deepcut was another sign that there was a culture of bullying at the camp.

“People are starting to realise that something was very wrong there. To resort to locking each other in a cupboard or lying in an attic space for hours on end you have to be pretty scared.”

He said he was still pressing for a public inquiry.

Mr James is calling on people to sign an online petition calling for a public inquiry at <https://petition.parliament.uk/petitions/132025>

Council salaries and travel expenses reach £1.32m

Report by Naomi Penrose

COUNCILLORS in Powys were paid £1.32 million in salaries and expenses in the past year, new figures have revealed.

The total, paid to the 74 elected members at Powys County Council, is an increase just shy of one per cent of the amount paid out during the previous financial year.

The leader of Powys County Council, Barry Thomas, from Llanfihangel, was the highest paid councillor last year. His salary rose from £26,773 to £45,657 with expenses, which included £5,548 for travel. Second on the list was deputy leader of the authority Councillor Graham Brown, from Llandrinio, whose £36,401.50 income rose from his normal £17,999 salary.

Rural homes fight is lost

A DEVELOPER has lost a fight to build more than 70 homes on the outskirts of a town.

An appeal lodged against a ruling by Wrexham County Borough Council to refuse permission for 73 homes at Ley Farm in Halton, near Chirk, earlier this year has been dismissed by a Government inspector.

The land off Green Lane in Halton, near Chirk, had old permission for 89 houses, dating back to 1973.

The inspector’s report concluded that while the site did benefit from a part implemented planning permission, in view of the time which has elapsed since it was granted and the fact that there had been a number of other applications to develop the site, the likelihood of the extant permission being implemented was unrealistic.

The inspector concluded that the appeal proposals would be highly visible within the landscape.

An increase in travel expenses was also due to the distance travelled regularly to County Hall in Llandrindod Wells.

The standard councillor salary, received by all elected councillors, is £13,336.44, which increases if a member has increased council duties on top of being a county councillor.

John Evans, spokesman for Powys County Council, said the basic salary and senior salary for councillors in Powys was set by The Independent Remuneration Panel for Wales, IRPW, and not the county council.

The IRPW is independent of central and local government. To see the full list of expenses visit the council website.

Bales fire causes road closure



The damaged truck was moved to a field after being removed from the road

A BLAZE involving 100 bales of straw which were being towed by a lorry blocked a road while fire crews tackled the flames.

The fire started at about 8.30am on Thursday last week on Eastwick Lane in Dudleston Heath, between St Martins and Ellesmere, after the lorry carrying the bales caught alight

John Deakin, incident manager for Shropshire Fire and Rescue Service, said: “We moved the vehicle from the road to the field next to it, with the help of a local farmer, and now a fire investigations officer is trying to establish what caused the

blaze.” Although the cause is under investigation, it is thought the fire started as a result of a problem with electrics in the vehicle. The fire caused the road to be blocked between the B5068 and A528 Grange Road.

Two fire crews from Ellesmere were sent to the scene to deal with the fire, who were also assisted by North Wales Fire and Rescue Service. An operations officer also attended. Crews used two breathing apparatus, two hose reel jets, one covering jet, and drag rakes to deal with the fire. West Mercia Police were also at the scene, blocking off the road to vehicles.

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Volunteers come forward to look after old hillfort

Report by Sally Williams

WORDS of love for a heritage site are being put into action through a pioneering volunteering initiative.

On Valentine's Day, campaigners congregated on Old Oswestry hillfort in a symbolic hug of protection after Shropshire Council approved a housing development for 117 homes on land off Whittington Road in Oswestry near the hillfort in the authority's SAMDev local plan.

Campaigners claimed the new homes would affect the setting of the hillfort and views to and from the monument. But now members of Hands Off Old Oswestry Hillfort community group are taking action by recruiting volunteers to help English Heritage with landscape management and monitoring of the heritage site.

Clinic set to raise funds for centre

A LAW firm is holding a free legal clinic for people to raise any medical negligence queries they may have.

Lanyon Bowdler is holding the clinic in Oswestry on September 7 and is hoping to raise funds for The Movement Centre based at the Oswestry Orthopaedic Hospital as well as provide people with some free advice.

Kay Kelly, from Lanyon Bowdler, said: "Thankfully medical negligence is something few people experience. However if it happens to you, it can lead to considerable suffering. We are Law Society accredited clinical negligence experts working with nurses and doctors here on your doorstep. We have successfully claimed compensation for surgical errors, birth injuries and delayed or missed diagnosis resulting in death or injury, replacing lost earnings and providing funds for care and treatment."

No appointments are necessary on the day and people are being invited to attend the Lanyon Bowdler offices in Church Street between 9am and 7pm on September 7. While the service is free, Lanyon Bowdler will be taking donations for The Movement Centre, which helps children to improve their movement control following a brain injury or disability.

Lanyon Bowdler is supporting the centre this year as one of its named charities.

A course of therapy at The Movement Centre has been known to change children's lives, giving them essential functional skills.

Heritage adviser Tim Malim said: "Managing the earthworks is a complex mission, with the need to balance several conflicting interests. Uncontrolled vegetation is a threat to the monument and one of the best methods for managing this is through grazing the ramparts. But access to water and steep slopes make this difficult without unsightly fencing being introduced."

"Another balance has to be achieved between wildlife and the historic monument. There is a need to control the rabbit population and cut down scrub undergrowth and bracken, while maintaining habitats for newts and linnets at critical times in the year."

He said tasks will range from scrub clearance and pond maintenance, to supporting environmental initiatives to aid the hillfort's preservation and upkeep.

English Heritage is also keen to work with other local organisations including colleges with expertise and interest in undertaking potential biodiversity and animal management initiatives on the fort.

Volunteers have installed No Bikes signs to deter bikers from scrambling over the 3000-year-old scheduled earthwork and causing severe erosion scars.

The English Heritage team visited the Artists Hugging the Hillfort exhibition at the Willow Gallery in Oswestry. With more than 60 art pieces, including work by local school children, they were impressed by the local pride and strength of feeling shown for Old Oswestry. Volunteer Neil Phillips said: "The HOOOH Community Group is proud to contribute through the volunteers' initiative, following the example of the town's archaeology and history groups, as well as the hillfort landscape improvement project, which have long championed the hillfort."

A programme of pond clearance is planned this autumn. Anyone who would like to volunteer should contact 07751 160576.



Volunteers Neil Phillips, Rob Baur and Katie Jones install a 'No Bikes' sign

Man made threats to kill

A DRUG addict turned up at his sister's house with a knife, threatening to kill another man.

Adam Eaton-Clark wielded a knife threatening to kill Daniel Price when he turned up at his sister's house at about 10pm on June 27.

Shrewsbury Crown Court heard how 27-year-old Eaton-Clark was very upset and repeated numerous times to his sister that he was going to stab Mr Price.

Philip Beardwell, prosecuting, said after this Eaton-Clark left his sister's address and was spotted by a member of the public with a knife.

Eaton-Clark, of Leg Street, Oswestry, pleaded guilty to one charge of making threats to kill and another charge of hav-

ing a knife in a public place. Mr Beardwell said: "Police were called and they found the defendant on Gobowen Road in Oswestry."

"They say he was unsteady and had slurred speech. They took him back to the police station where he gave a no comment interview."

Andrew Holland, for Eaton-Clark, said the defendant had a history of mental health matters and a drug addiction.

Eaton-Clark was given a 12-month community order with a 40-day rehabilitation requirement and a drug rehabilitation requirement for nine months.

He was also ordered to pay £200 prosecution costs and Judge Peter Barrie ordered for the forfeiture and destruction of the knife.

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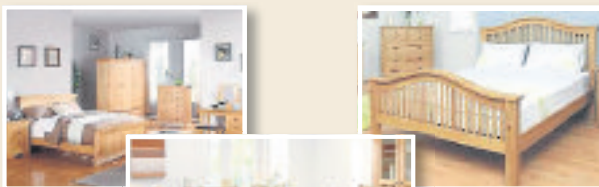
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All the companies come out with the same response when called on to explain their short comings – “technical issues”. For technical issues please read cost because that's what it's really all about. They may be committed to rolling out full coverage across the UK but the less populated areas that we live in will be at the bottom of a very long list of “things to do”.

We must continue to bombard Ofcom, our politicians and all the mobile service providers until the message gets through. We must be given a better service.

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I'm more than a bit suspicious about a promise from West Mercia's new crime commissioner that the Oswestry area will get additional police officers on the ground as the area continues to grow. I'd really be interested to know where the extra staff will be coming from.

Everywhere you look across the West Mercia force the talk is about cuts and station closures, mergers with other forces and emergency call centre amalgamation. Yet new man John Campion has vowed to meet population expansion with more officers on the beat.

He was responding to a leading police officer's concerns that population growth in Oswestry would stretch his resources to breaking point. Superintendent David McWilliam knows what he is talking about as head of the Shropshire policing team and made his point forcefully. A ray of hope comes from The Place Partnership, which manages the estates of regional police forces. The partnership says developers of the proposals for Oswestry should put their hands in their pockets and contribute to extra policing through a Section 106 agreement. That sounds like a good idea if you are not a developer or someone looking to buy a new home. Because builders will pass on the cost of any such agreement and house prices will go through the roof. I'm making a note of the day the crime commissioner made his pledge for more officers on the beat but I think it will take more than a few quid from a 106 agreement to keep Oswestry policed properly.



The deadly crime of Donald Neilson, known as the Black Panther, shook the nation



Front page of the Shropshire Star of Wednesday, January 15, 1975



Lesley Whittle, 17, the Shropshire heiress kidnapped and murdered by Donald Neilson

Black Panther's crimes shook up the country

TOBY NEAL looks back 40 years to remember a shocking crime which shook the nation

SERIAL killers do not come more sinister than Donald Neilson. He revelled in his nickname The Black Panther, given because of the way he swiftly pounced on his victims wearing a dark hood.

The army-obsessed former soldier planned his crimes with a military precision and became perturbed when he felt the media did not give him the attention he craved.

And nowhere was the fear felt more keenly than in the close-knit former mining community of Highley, where Neilson committed his most notorious crime. This small village near Bridgnorth was shaken to the core when Neilson abducted, and then murdered, teenage heiress Lesley Whittle, having demanded a £50,000 ransom.

It is 40 years since Neilson was handed five life sentences at Oxford Crown Court for his year-long reign of terror which claimed five lives.

Former Shropshire Star editor Andy Wright was in court to see him told by judge Mr Justice Mars-Jones that the enormity of his crimes put him in a class apart from almost all convicted murderers, and that he should never taste freedom again.

Mr Wright recalls him looking almost impassive while in the dock.

"He seemed pretty collected. I suppose there is an air of resignation when you have been caught for crimes like this that you are going to be sent to prison for a long time," he says.

Neilson had killed three times before



Weapons, equipment and clothing found in the possession of Donald Neilson

Lesley's murder, and once more afterwards. His victims included a postmaster's husband from Langley in the Black Country and a security guard at the Dudley Freightliner rail terminal. But it was the death of 17-year-old Lesley, who was doing her A-levels at Wolverhampton's Wulfrun College, which really shook the nation.

"There was an awful lot of apprehension once it became clear he was also responsible for the murder in the Black Country, and the shooting in Dudley," remembers Mr Wright, who covered Lesley's abduction from start to finish.

"People were pretty unsettled that he was around."

Neilson had snatched Lesley from her bedroom in Highley in January 1975, leaving a ransom note, demanding £50,000 from her wealthy family.

Neilson had tethered Lesley by a

noose in a drainage shaft beneath a Staffordshire park, and it was there where her body would be found following a botched attempt by police to trap him during a ransom drop.

Neilson was born Donald Nappey in 1936, and was said to have suffered many taunts about his unfortunate surname while growing up in his home town of Bradford.

He had served as a lance corporal in the Army, but had struggled to settle into civilian life after giving up his military career to spend more time with his wife Irene and daughter Kathryn.

Described as "having a chip on his shoulder" with little respect for authority, he struggled with the idea of working for somebody else. Instead, he embarked on a series of unsuccessful business ventures and turned to crime.

He began as a prolific burglar, responsible for more than 400 unsolved break-ins. His offending stepped up a gear following a break-in at a house in Cheshire where, having discovered guns and ammunition, he decided that armed robbery would be a more lucrative career option.

Between 1971 and 1974, Neilson robbed 14 post offices, becoming increasingly more violent as time went on. He nearly came unstuck in January 1972, when he was disturbed during a break-in at a post office in Heywood, Lancashire. Postmaster Leslie Richardson and his wife woke to find Neilson in their bedroom. A struggle ensued in which Mr Richardson fired the gun twice, and Neilson fled empty-handed. He killed for the first time when he shot postmaster Donald Skepper during a robbery at Harrogate in February 1974. He murdered another postmaster, Derek Astin of Baxenden, Lancashire, in September 1974. It was here that he picked up his nickname after Mr Astin's wife Marion told reporters he was "so quick, he was like a panther". It was just two months before he struck again, this time in the Black Country. He brutally battered sub-postmistress Margaret Grayland, who kept a post office in Langley, near Oldbury, and shot her husband Sidney dead. However, when Neilson kidnapped Lesley the following January, police were slow to link the crime with the Panther murders. Neilson's carefully laid plans began to unravel during a botched ransom drop at Bathpool Park, Kidsgrove, yards from where Lesley was being held in a deep drainage shaft. Lesley's brother Ronald was supposed to go to the park and wait for Neilson to signal to him by flashing a torch. But, by coincidence, another couple turned up at the park, resulting in confusion. Neilson drove to Dudley where he attempted to rob the Freightliner terminal. He shot security guard Gerald Smith six times, causing him injuries which would result in his death the following year. Neilson died aged 75 in 2011.

WORKING FOR YOU



At the beginning of August, four vehicles were involved in a collision on the A5 at Montford Bridge. Although those involved in that collision escaped without serious harm, a woman is being treated for life-changing injuries after a crash on the A5 near Chirk this week.

There have been too many fatal, serious and slight casualties – 48 people have died in accidents along the A5. There have been a further 312 serious injuries and 1,090 people have been injured in crashes since 1991.

Each death is tragic and each casualty carries a cost; it has been estimated that this has cost almost £170 million to the public purse. Every time the road is closed due to accidents it causes huge inconvenience, especially at busy times of the year and during holiday periods.

Up to 10 per cent of traffic along the A5 consists of heavy goods vehicles. The A5 must be made fit for today's traffic flows. It must be dualled. Convoys of lorries carrying huge sections of wind turbines have been crossing the Welsh border this summer, showing how totally inappropriate the A483 through Pant and Llanyrnnech is.

We do need eventually to get a Pant and Llanyrnnech bypass built. I had a very good meeting with Andrew Jones in May, the then roads minister, who took the time to visit the constituency and talked to a variety of interested parties.

Now he has been replaced by John Hayes. We have already had a meeting and we are organising a further visit so he may see these roads himself. I urge all my constituents to make a submission for dualling the A5 by clicking 'line' feedback on the highways website <http://www.highways.gov.uk/route-strategies/>

Continuing with local transport, rail users are becoming increasingly exasperated with packed trains. Extending the current London service will take some pressure off these trains. The InterCity West Coast franchise is up for tender this year and the consultation closed this month. I made it clear to Patrick McLoughlin, the outgoing Transport Secretary, that it is essential that all companies tendering for this are required to give proposals for trains to continue onto Gobowen, Wrexham and Chester. He gave me good advice on this and following that meeting neighbouring MPs Ian Lucas, Glyn Davies, Susan Ewan Jones and I all signed a joint letter to him.

When Chris Grayling took over as Transport Secretary I had a brief meeting with him to ensure that the tender does include the extension of the route. Now we have all written to him as well.

Owen Paterson
North Shropshire MP

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A: Firstly, check again through your father's paperwork to look for a more recent Will, revoking the earlier one, and check with local solicitors to see if they hold a Will for him.

If you cannot locate a more recent Will your father may be able to change his Will - if he has the necessary capacity to do so. The test for having capacity to make a Will is that your father must: (a) understand the nature of making a Will; (b) understand the extent of his estate; (c) be aware of the persons for whom he would usually be expected to provide.

If your father satisfies the above tests and wishes to make a new Will he is free to do so. However, if he is not capable of making a new Will, his existing Will continues to take effect. If you feel that your father wishes would no longer be covered by the existing Will, you can make an application to the Court of Protection to prepare a Statutory Will on his behalf. This would involve the court examining your father's best interests and deciding who he would choose to leave his estate to if he was capable of deciding for himself.

If your father dies before you are able to make an application for a Statutory Will, you may be able to make a claim to receive some of his estate under the Inheritance Provision for Family and Dependents Act 1975. Consulting a solicitor immediately is key as there are very strict time limits for making a claim.

This question has been answered by Victoria Wilson, a Partner with GHP Legal.

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A satirical glance at the state of nation

IT'S the start of the autumn term at St Albion's School, and Mrs May, our new headteacher, has called a special assembly.

We have been very silly children during the summer holidays, we were so nasty to poor David that he spent the whole time hiding under the bed, and wouldn't come out to play. Boris was so horrid that he will definitely not be made head prefect now.

Mrs Merkel, the headteacher at the European School, says that we behaved so badly at the joint sports day that she wants nothing to do with us any more. And the trip to Brussels was ruined by Nigel who was so rude to the European teachers that he is

banned from going next time. And some of us made up that ridiculous petition to have sports day re-run. With all those silly signatures like Mickey Mouse and Yogi Bear, which made us all look more childish than ever, Mrs May says.

Naughty little Nicola thought it was funny to hide bits of haggis in all the school dinners on the last day of term. She is now sulking, and says her mummy and daddy will take her away and send her to the European School instead. But Mrs Merkel won't have her, because her mummy and daddy say they want her to have free school dinners.

Jeremy is crying, because nobody will be in his gang any more. It is his own fault. Because he is left-handed, he wants everyone else to play tennis left-handed as well, because that way he always wins, and now nobody will play with him. Well, serves him jolly well right, says Mrs May! Mrs May expects much better behaviour from us in future. There will be no more joint sports days with the European School, and we will all have our pocket money halved for the next 10 years. And serve us jolly well right as well, says Mrs May.

JOHN BARRATT
Ludlow

Image shows work on permanent station



The publication date of this Shropshire Star photo was 1981 and the accompanying story said Welshpool would soon boast its second permanent railway station with work going on to build at Raven Square for the Welshpool-Llanfair Caereinion Light Railway.

Vote gamble by Cameron did not pay off for him

SO the country has spoken, with one of the largest turnouts of voters going to the polls.

Our Parliament can now get its nose to the grindstone and its snouts out of the trough.

Britain can stand proud once again now that we are out from under the European yoke, it also proves that Great Britain is still the most democratic country in the world. The man that made this possible is undoubtedly Nigel Farage.

His party applied so much pressure on the Tories at the last general election, that in a panic David Cameron seeing that they could lose offered a carrot to the electorate, that of a referendum on the European Union of staying in or coming out.

The electorate was not the donkey that Cameron thought he was feeding, it turned out to be a thoroughbred capable of winning the Grand National.

The chickens have really come home to roost.

K BEDDIS
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Reassurances for neighbours

WE have voted to leave the European Union but, as Britons, we continue to be Europeans and, indeed, part of the wider world community. It could be that our non-British neighbours in Shrewsbury and Shropshire are feeling a little worried and insecure following the result of the referendum.

Why not talk openly to those neighbours to give them that reassurance and to thank them for what they bring to our life in Shropshire?

MARTIN BEARDWELL
Shrewsbury

Nationalists will find Scots will vote to stay in UK

NICOLA Sturgeon is acting as if the people of Scotland are already the victors of a referendum that has not, as yet, been called.

I accept the fact that all the areas able to vote came out on the remain side, as did London. But it's the country as a whole which made the decision for exit.

I believe the 72 per cent of people who voted was an average.

In Scotland it was much lower in some areas, so up to the rest of the Scottish electorate 30 percent to 35 per cent didn't. I think Ms Sturgeon will find that she will face the same humiliation, that being, even though Scotland voted when oil was over 100 dollars a barrel when Mr Salmond put it to the vote and got a loud call to remain within the UK, that it is reasonable to assume that with oil struggling to get above 30 dollars a barrel, even the people of Scotland will be able to work out that a vote to remain in Europe, going against the majority of those who chose to leave, will leave them even worse off than they were before.

MARTIN EDDIES
Shrewsbury

Parties must pull together through this difficult time

IT is clear that the victory margin for the Leave campaign in Wales has to be recognised and respected.

It represents a significant triumph for local Leave campaigners, many of whom have campaigned for this outcome for years – and done so with honour. While I am proud that we did our utmost locally to make the case to Remain in the European Union, it is true to say that we were not well served by our UK-wide campaign.

The Remain campaign was defined too much by the personality and policy fault lines of the Conservative Party – and more recently, Alan Johnson has revealed that the Labour Remain campaign was fatally undermined by his own leader, Jeremy Corbyn. While this is not the result that I – or indeed my party – wanted, it has to be respected. Many in our communities are feeling anxious about what this means for the families, the farms, businesses and community groups that make up our country. In these uncertain times, it is vital that political representatives at all levels work together to ensure the best outcome for Wales and the rest of the UK. In particular, we need clarity over the future for our major export businesses, in terms of access to the European Single Market, crucial farm support and wider rural development. We also need to move to reassure our young people, the majority of whom voted to Remain in the European Union and who now feel that their future options have been diminished.

WILLIAM POWELL
Welsh Liberal Democrats

Boris's dad's view on union

MICHAEL Heseltine told the BBC "Boris Johnson has caused the biggest constitutional crisis in peace time in his lifetime, he has caused a depletion of the nation's savings and torn the Tory Party apart". Ironically, Boris's father Stanley Johnson, sister Rachel and brother Jo voted to Remain.

He worked on the European Commission and remains very fond of Brussels. His support for the Remain initiative has seen him found Environmentalists For Europe saying that Britain would remain greener in rather than out of the EU.

He has conceded there is "a lot wrong with the EU" but nothing that can't be overcome by 'determined engagement' on the part of Britain.

He received the RSPB's most prestigious award because of his role in the creation of one of the cornerstones of Europe's nature conservation policy – the Habitats Directive (1992).

"I disagree with the Brexiteers – including Boris. I think, instead, that we should remain in the EU and fight for change", he added... while Boris Johnson appeared at a Vote Leave event in London, his father was speaking to Remain "Britain Stronger in Europe" in Hyde Park.

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Fundraiser set for cricket club

PREPARATIONS are being finalised for one of the Oswestry area's biggest sporting charity events – the Bedouins Day at Oswestry Cricket Club.

This year's event, on August 28, will follow a similar format to previous years, with a cricket knockout, barbecue, football and golf games, children's competitions, a bottle stall and many other attractions looking to raise money for this year's chosen charities – the Hope House Children's Hospices and the Lingen Davies Cancer Appeal.

After last year's success there will be another tug of war.

New this year will be a bushtucker trial eating contest, and as usual in the evening there will be live music and the search is on for suitable cabaret acts.

"We have raised more than £35,000 so far and hope to get that figure over £40,000 after this year's event," said one of the organisers, Andy Hall.

For more information contact Mr Hall on 07773 622246.

Development land on market

DEVELOPMENT land near Oswestry, with planning for 13 residential dwellings, is on the market.

The land extends to 1.7 acres and is for sale with outline planning approval.

The development is situated in a rural position bordering the hamlet of Hengoed.

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The land is marketed with a guide price of £400,000.

For more information people should call Alistair Hilton of Balfours on (01743) 353511.

Alternatively they can visit www.balfours.co.uk for more information about the development at Hengoed.

Ladies team raises £660 to thank unit for care

Report by Naomi Penrose

OSWESTRY'S New Saints Ladies FC have raised £660 for a health service as a gesture of thanks for their care given to a supporter's mother.

The club held an end-of-season charity match in aid of the Birmingham Community Healthcare's Inpatient Neurological Rehabilitation Unit (INRU).

The fundraising effort also included a raffle with a top prize of an England shirt signed by the senior ladies' squad, arranged and donated by England and Notts County defender Laura Bassett.

The club, newly promoted to Division One Midlands of the FA Women's Premier League, chose the unit as a gesture of gratitude for the care given to Vanda Wynn, whose son Will is a supporter and volunteer helper at the club. His girlfriend, Hannah, is a member of the playing squad.

Vanda underwent surgery to remove a brain tumour in 2011. Although successful, it left her unable to communicate. She was referred to INRU for rehabilitation after a further operation to fit a titanium plate in her skull.

Will said: "All the nurses and therapists that looked after her were absolutely brilliant. Although it's been a tough journey, she absolutely loved the team at Moseley Hall and she became friendly with some of the other patients too."

"She's come on in leaps and bounds thanks to the care and support she's received and, although her communication skills are not what they were before the operation, she can engage very well with family members now."

First team coach Joe Thompson said: "The idea is for the club to hold a charity fundraiser every year and choose a good cause that is personal to us in some way."



Will Wynn, second from left, and Joe Thompson present the INRU team with a cheque for the money raised

Council has launched a new website

A RURAL parish council has created a new website and a newsletter for those not online.

Oswestry Rural Parish Council said the website is for everyone who lives and works in the parish, and for anyone who would like to find out more about the area.

Visitors can find up to the minute local news, from road closures and the wind turbine convoy movements to local events.

There are also links to other websites of interest to the local community.

Robert Milton, the council chairman, said: "The council has listened to its residents and over the last few months have put in place measures to help explain what the council is doing on their behalf and keep them informed of issues that could affect them."

"We appreciate not everyone has access to the internet so we have adopted a more traditional approach with a newsletter as well. Rural news can be found at local shops, pubs, churches, schools and on the website."

Visit the website at www.oswestryrural-pc.gov.uk

Upbeat message on house prices

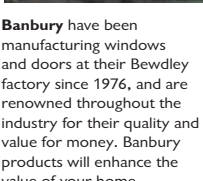
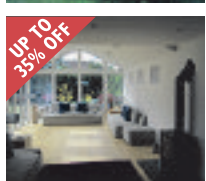
ESTATE agents in Shropshire expect house prices to continue to rise in spite of the uncertainty over Brexit.

A new study looking at major cities around the country suggests that major urban centres continued to see double-digit price growth in their property markets during June.

Shropshire estate agent Michael Nettleton of Nock Deighton said: "I think realistic prices will still be fully achievable. The large institutions are still predicting an increase in house prices for the remainder of the year and in 2017."

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Fire service bosses ask motorists to be patient

FIRE chiefs in Mid Wales are warning road users to be patient as holiday and agricultural traffic reaches a peak.

Mid & West Wales Fire and Rescue Service said it dealt with eight crashes over a recent weekend.

It said motorists should think about the five main causes of road traffic collisions and injuries in Wales: drink driving; speed; careless actions; not belting up and using a mobile phone.

The fire service's community safety manager, Neil Evans said: "During the summer months the volume and range of road users, throughout Mid and West Wales, increases substantially.

"The roads are used every day of the year by people commuting to and from work and also commercially by heavy goods vehicles.

"Now that we are in the middle of the holiday season there is an increase in caravans and camper vans on the roads, whilst the good weather also sees farmers tend to their harvest and other duties in tractors and other large agricultural machinery.

"There is also an increase in motorcyclists and cyclists taking to the roads.

"With this in mind we urge road user to 'drive to arrive'. Please bear in mind the higher number of roads users and the differing pressures on each driver. Be patient."

Mr Evans said the Welsh summer weather was typically unpredictable with rain or foggy conditions following hot temperatures causing the road surface to become greasy.

He said: "Please take care and allow a greater stopping distance between you and the vehicle in front, and always reduce your speed in these conditions."

Residents urged to have a say on state of roads

Report by Naomi Penrose

PEOPLE who receive a survey in the post are being urged to give their views on Shropshire's highways and transport services – from the condition of roads and footpaths to the quality of cycling facilities.

Their answers will be compared with the views of others across England and Scotland, as part of the National Highways and Transport Public Satisfaction survey.

Shropshire Council is one of 106 councils to sign up to the standardised survey that will ask members of the public exactly the same questions, whether they live in Somerset, Suffolk or Shropshire.

Simon Jones, Shropshire Council's cabinet member for highways and transport, said: "This survey will tell us what people think of the highways and transport services that Shropshire Council provides, but also enable us to compare the Shropshire findings with those from other parts of the country.

"The survey findings will help us to better understand our customers' views, and deliver the best possible outcomes for local residents, as well as helping to identify areas of best practice and spot national, regional and local trends."

The survey, which is being run for the ninth year, is the largest collaboration between councils, offering the opportunity to compare results, share in best practice and identify further opportunities to work together in the future.

The questionnaire will be sent to a minimum random sample of at least 3,300 residents in the county.

Llangollen walk for ramblers group



Welshpool Ramblers on the canalside near Pentrefelin, between Llangollen and Horseshoe Falls

WELSHPOOL Ramblers enjoyed a walk in the Llangollen area when 14 members of the group were led on a walk by Van Evans.

The circular route skirted Velvet Hill to reach the remains of Valle Crucis Abbey. It then followed round the slopes of Fron Fawr to meet up with a road section of Offa's Dyke

Path, which led the ramblers to a lunch spot in a field below Castell Dinas Brân.

The next walk will be on Sunday and will be a circular walk of between six and seven miles in the Stiperstones area. Starting at 10am from The Bog car park, just up the road from the visitor centre, OS grid

reference SO 357 977, the route will follow tracks and footpaths. People should meet at The Bog car park or at 9am in the Church Street car park beside the Welshpool Tourist Centre, OS grid reference SJ 225 075, where shared transport may be available. This replaces the walk shown in the 2016 programme of walks.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Cemetery work in running for prize

WORK to revamp a cemetery could lead to a town council winning a national award.

Oswestry Town Council has recently finished a project to overhaul facilities at the cemetery on Shrewsbury Road.

Now the project has been submitted as an entry into the Best Local Council Project in the 2016 National Association of Local Councils awards. Last year the town centre's refurbished CCTV system, which is run by volunteers, took the national award.

The council has also entered the council of the year section after it was named runner-up last year. The project has seen the building of new public toilets and also accommodation for the cemetery workforce. Paths have been repaired and new signs put up.

It also saw the launch of the Oswestry Cemetery Project which has used a £59,000 Heritage Lottery grant to research the history of the cemetery, conserve its archives, research the people buried there and create new signs and leaflets to tell its story.

Police warning over HMRC scam

POLICE are warning of a scam that could see victims lose thousands of pounds.

Shropshire's policing team issued a warning after a number of reports from people who were called by someone claiming to be from Her Majesty's Revenue and Customs.

They are then implying that a debt is owed and that people must purchase an iTunes voucher for £1,000 or more to clear it.

Police have warned anyone who falls victim to this not to do so because it is a scam.

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Market to host farming event

AGRICULTURAL company Wynnstay will host an event for farmers to unveil the latest developments and services in the sheep and beef industry.

The second Wynnstay Sheep and Beef Event will take place at Welshpool market on August 12, bringing together all the latest information, technology and best practice in the sector. It is free to attend. Keynote speakers will include Professor Nigel Gibbins CBE, the chief UK veterinary officer for Defra, Will Jackson, sheep and beef manager at The Co-operative and renowned farm vet Rob Drysdale.

There will be drop in sessions focusing on housing opportunities on the farm and succession planning with a financial advisor and a host of demonstrations are lined up.

Lucy Evans from Wynnstay said: "Welshpool Market, as the largest sheep market in Europe, is the ideal location."

Levels of tree disease revealed

AERIAL footage of forests and woods around Wales show that the spread of a deadly tree disease – Sudden Oak Death – is down on last year's findings.

The assessment for the disease that affects oak and larch trees and is officially known as Phytophthora Ramorum (P Ramorum) follows two spring flights in May over North and South Wales that surveyed woodlands and forests.

About 40 sites were seen to be showing signs of suspected infection and will be further investigated.

But the figure is lower than was found following last year's flight when nearly 30 suspect sites were found on Welsh Government Woodland Estate alone, as well as another 20 sites on private land.

AM calls for new push to attract US visitors

Report by Sally Williams

THE Welsh Government is being urged to take advantage of the current exchange rate to pull in more American visitors.

Montgomeryshire AM Russell George, who is also shadow cabinet secretary for economy and tourism, said: "While the ONS figures suggest a slight decline in visitor spend, we now have an opportunity to put that right."

"The weakening pound is attracting an influx of visitors from abroad and a record number of British families appear to be opting for staycations this summer – all of which is great news for domestic tourism."

"It's vital that the Welsh Government takes advantage of the opportunities this presents, and markets Wales effectively at home and abroad."

Mr George also called for a renewed focus on boosting the number of visitors from North America.

He said: "With an eclectic offering of heritage, culture and countryside, Wales remains an important destination for overseas visitors."

"Unfortunately, limited connectivity and air capacity are holding us back."

Mr George added: "We have a national airport with the infrastructure to handle long haul flights, and yet we're no closer to establishing direct routes with North America which should be a key priority for this government."

"We know that North American visitors, in particular, holiday for longer and spend generously."

"We need to take advantage of the fact that the UK is in the international spotlight due to Brexit, and market Wales aggressively."

New curate for area is appointed



Jonathan Skipper and his daughters with the Archdeacon of Montgomery

A NEW curate for the Welshpool area, the Reverend Jonathan Skipper, has been appointed.

In joining the Pool Mission Area, Mr Skipper will be based at St Beuno's Church, Berriew, St John's Mission Church, Fron, and Pantyfridd Mission Church.

Mr Skipper was appointed as a new curate for the Welshpool area by the Bishop of St Asaph.

He will complement the ministry already offered by Archdeacon Peter Pike and the Rev Esther Yates.

Mr Skipper was ordained in 2014.

He has until recently been assistant curate in Llanfyllin, Bwlch-y-Cibau and Llanwddyn.

Mr Skipper was licensed to his new ministry in the Bishop's Chapel at St Asaph on June 30.

The Bishop of St Asaph, the Rt Rev Gregory Cameron said: "Jonathan is a young cleric who brings a lot of enthusiasm to the business of making the healing offered in the ministry of Jesus available in today's world."

"He will be joining a great team in Pool Mission Area," he added.

Mr Skipper, surrounded by his three daughters, recently met The Bishop of St Asaph and The Archdeacon of Montgomery, Peter Pike who congratulated him on his appointment.

Council stays firm about recycle rules

COUNCIL bosses have warned residents they won't back down over recycling collections.

Powys County Council has left recycling containers on the kerbside if they contain items that are no longer on the council's collection list.

The council says it has been warning householders for months.

Councillor John Powell, cabinet member for waste and recycling, said: "This material has been causing us problems for some time now as there are very few processors who want it."

"As a result we have had to pay a higher gate fee with this material then being removed for either landfill or incineration."

"No other authority in Wales that collects recycling in boxes at the kerbside, as per the Welsh Government's preferred method, accepts plastic film."

"We have been advising the public for several months that we will not be taking this material."

"We did supply a leaflet to all households when we rolled out the three weekly residual waste collections in November which clearly stated what could and couldn't be put in the red box for recycling."

Queen grateful for birthday card

MEMBERS of a local Royal British Legion branch have been thanked by the Queen for their birthday wishes and card.

At the recent branch meeting of Welshpool and District Royal British Legion, a letter of thanks from the Queen was read out, thanking the branch for the card and wishes expressed inside it.

The branch had a bespoke card specially printed with a photo of the Queen chatting with the town's veterans on her last visit to the town.

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Accounting accreditation for college

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North Shropshire College offers Level 2, 3 and 4 of the AAT accounting qualification, classroom based on one evening each week. The courses start on September 6.

Only AAT approved training providers are allowed to deliver AAT qualifications and courses and must first of all go through a rigorous verification process. Students then know it ensures that they will receive the highest standard of teaching. AAT qualifications provide a prominent route to a career in the accounting and finance industries.

Mark Farrar, AAT chief executive officer, said: "An AAT qualification is internationally recognised, and we are pleased that North Shropshire College continues to offer the highly successful courses at all levels which offer students the opportunity to take a significant step towards a career in professional finance."

Inquest opens into death at aqueduct

AN inquest has opened into the death of a man whose body was found close to Chirk Aqueduct.

Russell Beck, 51, from Port Sunlight, on the Wirral, Merseyside, was reported missing on July 16. His body was found near the aqueduct on the evening of July 20. The inquest heard Mr Beck was pronounced dead at 9.50pm. The hearing was adjourned until the end of November.

Receptionist Amy is an unsung hospital hero

Report by Naomi Penrose

A RECEPTIONIST at Oswestry Orthopaedic Hospital has won a Health Hero Award in recognition of her outstanding dedication and commitment to patients and her colleagues.

Amy Norris, who works in the orthotics department becomes the first non-clinical member of staff to win the monthly award, which was launched earlier this year.

She follows healthcare assistant Yvonne Hartley and staff nurse Ann Bishop in receiving the prize from chief executive Mark Brandreth.

The award is presented to unsung heroes from across the hospital, who are nominated by their peers for going the extra mile to help. Amy was nominated by two members of the orthotics team – principal orthotist Jane Dewsbury and senior admin assistant Margaret Roberts. The orthotics team offer a valuable service to many of the patients who come to the hospital by designing, fitting and supervising the use of devices that provide external support or assist weak or abnormal joints and/or muscle groups.

"Amy has very quickly become a very key member of staff in orthotics," said Jane. "Nothing is ever too much trouble for her and she is an absolute pleasure to work alongside."

Amy, who lives in Oswestry and started work at the hospital in October 2014, was thrilled to receive the award. "To be awarded something like this is great, and I really appreciate it," she said. "I was shocked when I was told but it is nice to be recognised."



Healthcare records team leader Margaret Peach, Margaret Roberts, Amy Norris and Mark Brandreth

NEWS IN BRIEF

Warning over pharmacy plans

A QUARTER of Shropshire's chemist shops could close under government plans to cut subsidies.

The Department of Health says it will cut £170 million in subsidies to community pharmacies during the present financial year.

That puts 23 branches across the county at immediate risk, it has been warned.

The Department of Health has estimated that about a quarter of the UK's 12,000 chemist's shops could shut.

At the moment there are 94 pharmacies across Shropshire, meaning that 23 could be set to close in the county.

That figure could be higher because of the rural nature of the county and the fact some pharmacies have a limited customer base.

The Campaign to Protect Rural England and the Countryside Alliance have both spoke of their concern about the impact of pharmacy closures on Shropshire.

RBL branch is still focus of inquiry

THE Welshpool branch of the Royal British Legion remains under investigation, it has been confirmed.

The organisation, which organises the annual Poppy Appeal for Remembrance Day, confirmed inquiries were still being carried out but did not reveal any further details of its investigation into the Welshpool branch.

The probe into historic financial fundraising issues was launched in February this year.

In February a spokesperson for RBL said: "I can confirm that we are holding an internal investigation into a fundraising issue at the Welshpool Branch. No further comment will be made at this time."

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Youngsters show off musical skills

THE Berwyn School of Music held its summer recitals event in Oswestry.

More than 40 musicians from six years old and upwards took part in the recitals which were hosted by the Wynnstay Hotel in Oswestry. Among the guests was Oswestry Mayor Paul Milner.

He said: "I was full of admiration for not only the dedication and talent of Patrick Gough's students who took part during the afternoon but also the courage it must have taken for them to get up and play their chosen instrument in front of an audience of more than 100 people."

Councillor Milner added: "I sincerely wish each and everyone of the students of the Berwyn School of Music the very best in which promises to be a bright future in music for them all."

Revamp of hotel and spa to continue

A HOTEL and spa has revealed plans for the next stage of a £1 million investment programme.

The Lion Quays Hotel and Spa near Oswestry launched a new conference centre in May and has since spent £500,000 on revamping 41 of its bedrooms.

The remaining 41 rooms will also now be refurbished, with completion scheduled for the end of 2017.

General manager Colin Jenno said: "We are thrilled with the progress of the redevelopment of the hotel."

"We are infusing some contemporary styling and modern touches into the bedrooms, and matched with our warmth of service and great proximity to major towns such as Chester and Manchester, I can only see the hotel going from strength to strength."

Mr Jenno said that occupancy at the hotel was forecast to increase by two per cent this year and meeting bookings are up by 10 per cent on this time last year.

Judge says justice relies on team work and public backing

SHROPSHIRE'S newest judge has spoken of the role judges have on county justice and addressed public concerns over sentencing.

Judge Jim Tindal is just 40 but has been a full-time judge at Shrewsbury Crown Court since January and has since sentenced on a number of high-profile cases.

He recently spoke out against hate crime in the wake of the conviction of four Lithuanian men who were part of an organised burglary gang working across Shropshire, including in the Oswestry area.

Judge Tindal said he felt there was a "public interest" in the roles that judges play and felt it was important that members of the public understand more about the sentencing of crimes in crown court.

He said: "There is a perception that judges can be quite aloof but they don't have to be. The public are interested in we do and people talk about what we do."

Working in a crown court, Judge Tindal is responsible for overseeing a number of different kinds of cases but he said that the work is always as part of a team. When covering appeals from magistrates court, he works with a bench of magistrates and says he takes his lead from them. When working on case management hearings, he relies on court staff to ensure the hearings run smoothly.

He said: "Trials we can't do without the public. People obviously know about the jury, but I don't think people understand how important they are. The people who decide if the defendant is guilty or not guilty is the public."

"My job is very much supportive. "Sentencing is my decision, but I couldn't do it without the advocates, the defence and the prosecution, the



Judge Jim Tindal is Shropshire's newest judge and has been full-time at Shrewsbury since January

police, the probation service." Judge Tindal praised the work of the probation service, saying he, or any other judge, will rarely sentence without guidance from probation reports, which offer advice about the "risk factor" an offender may pose in the future. He also said judges follow sentencing guidelines, a national framework which gives an idea of what punishment crimes should face. He said: "The idea is that whether you commit a crime in Carlisle or Plymouth, the type of sentence will be the same, though obviously all crimes are different." But he added: "What I do when I sentence is I think, what can

I do that might mean this person, or other people, don't do this again."

Judge Tindal said that he wanted to address questions that the public often raise about sentencing, often raising concerns about the length of the sentence, why someone may be given a community sentence rather than being imprisoned and why criminals do not serve their full jail term. He said: "Most research suggest that a sentence in the community can stop people from re-offending. Two thirds of people given a short custodial sentence go on to re-offend. That is because prison takes time to work. Most burglaries, and shoplifting and things

like are done by people trying to fund a drug habit. We have a drug rehabilitation requirement which can be a particularly onerous order."

He said the order involves regular meetings with probation service and drug tests, plus a weekly meeting with the Judge, held in private on a Friday. He said: "Getting off drugs and is difficult and this offers an incentive that if they fall off the wagon they could go back to prison. With young people or first time offenders, if they go into prison they're coming into contact with other offenders and could be more likely to offend than if they are given a tough community order."

Knife crime drive given new support

A NATIONAL campaign to make the streets safer from knife crime is being backed by Shropshire's police force.

West Mercia Police is supporting a nationwide campaign based at Oswestry's British Ironwork Centre that aims to make the country's streets safer.

The national 'Save a Life, Surrender your Knife' campaign aims to reduce knife crime and the damage caused to families and the wider community.

A new operation will run in the West Mercia policing area until August 19.

It will give anyone with a knife the opportunity to surrender it anonymously at one of a number of secure knife bins located at police stations around the region.

People will not be required to leave any information but if police suspect a weapon may have been involved in a crime they will examine it for evidence.

The campaign is being run in partnership with the British Ironwork Centre.

All the blades collected as part of the campaign will be made safe.

They will be used to help create a 20-foot high guardian angel sculpture in memory of those who have lost their lives to knife crime.

Superintendent Daryn Elton said: "The West Mercia policing area does not have a big knife crime problem but each incident is one too many."

"We're proud to play our part in supporting this national campaign and helping to make the country's streets safer for everyone."

"Every knife taken off the streets is one less opportunity for another life to be needlessly ruined."

"Knife crime doesn't just impact upon the lives of victims but also their families and the wider community."

The superintendent added: "Fear of crime increases and if people see others carrying knives they think they need to do the same and the number of people carrying knives increases further."

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Train travellers in for tasty treat

Report by Sally Williams

TOURISTS can enjoy fish and chips on the move – on a steam train through the rolling countryside of Mid Wales.

The Welshpool & Llanfair Light Railway will run a second fish and chip special train on August 27, following the success of the initial sold-out event in May.

Travellers on the inaugural fish and chips train run on May 28 said they had a fantastic time and enjoyed the tasty treat on offer.

Some passengers described the event as "most enjoyable" and a "good-value evening."

Plans have now been finalised for the event on August 27.

The food train will depart Llanfair Caereinion at 6pm.

On arrival at Raven Square, fish and chip suppers from the award-winning Andrews Fish Bar of Welshpool will be served for passengers to enjoy during the return trip on the summer's evening.

Large and small meals, together with vegetarian options, will be available to travellers.

Ice cream treats and soft drinks will also be on sale in the station during the halt.

Weather permitting, the return train will pause at the intermediate station of Castle Caereinion for participants to stretch their legs and enjoy the evening view.

The train is scheduled to arrive back at Llanfair at 8.20pm.

Advance booking for the train is essential.

Bookings close on August 24 and full details and booking forms can be found on the events page of the railway's website at www.wllr.org.uk

Volunteer train staff Rosemary Charman and Harry Billmore enjoy fish and chips at the May event. Photo by Megan Charman.



One of Mark's delicious hand raised beef patties



Mark McArdle outside the family business in Chirk near Oswestry



Talented butcher Mark McArdle prepares lamb



Mark McArdle won the butcher of the year competition at this year's Royal Welsh Show. Photos: Jamie Ricketts.

Mark is a cut above the rest

IT'S easy to see why Mark McArdle has been named the best butcher in Wales.

He will take a huge joint, be it beef or lamb, and within minutes can turn it into a whole variety of tasty looking dishes that can be popped into the oven or a pan.

Mr McArdle from the Chirk family butchers put his butchery skills under the spotlight when he took part in the butcher of the year competition at the Royal Welsh Show.

In a Masterchef-type competition final he went head-to-head with another North Wales butcher, Matthew Edwards of Penyffordd, in front of not only the judges but show visitors. He was given just 90 minutes to prepare four different cuts of meat from a piece of beef brisket, topside, a leg of lamb and a breast of lamb.

And if that was not enough he then had to display them as he would in his shop window.

His finished products included McArdle's beef croquettes, beef patties, mini lamb roasts and Moroccan lamb shank koftas as well as the more traditional cuts.

Report by Sue Austin

"I was delighted that my display was chosen as the best," he said.

The competition was organised by the Hybu Cig Cymru organisation, which champions Welsh and British meat, to highlight innovation. "I know about the competition but didn't get around to applying until this year," Mark said.

The family business was set up by Mark's father, Steve, and also involves his mother, Sandra and sister, Helen.

As well as the butchery department there is a deli which sells products including home-made lasagne and pies created from the McArdle meat.

"We are a traditional butcher but with a modern twist," Mark said.

"People still very much want the traditional roast or the chops but they also want other meat products now.

"People have very busy lives and so if they can call into the shop and pick up a lasagne or perhaps a beef croquette they can just put in the oven when they get home then it makes things easy for them."



Mark McArdle with his Welsh butcher of the year prize



Mark McArdle prepares a mini lamb roast



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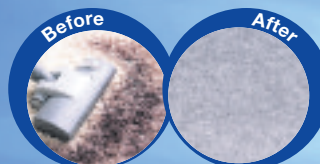
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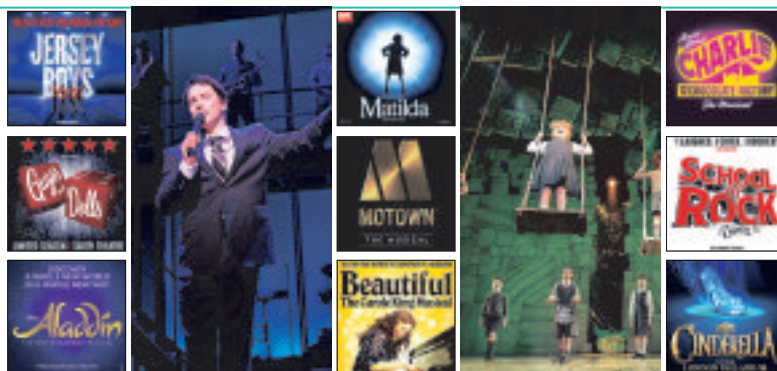
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Awards for hospital's daring and caring reservists



Dr Stephen Heap, Ellie Manders, Jenny Hunt and Dr Will Collett in action at the field hospital

A MOCK-UP of a war zone military field hospital was set up at Oswestry Orthopaedic Hospital as part of a campaign to recruit more NHS reservists.

Tents were pitched up at the grounds of the hospital to give an insight into life near the

front line and to encourage staff to serve in the Medical Services' Army Reserve.

And it was an extra special day for the hospital's two current reservists, Maggie Durrant who has seen active duty in Iraq, Afghanistan and Sierra Leone and Rebecca Warren who has



Rebecca Warren and Maggie Durrant received Volunteer Reserve Service Medals

served in Afghanistan. The duo, who both served with 202 (Midlands) Field Hospital, were presented with Volunteer Reserve Service Medals.

Rebecca, ward manager for the Midland Centre for Spinal Injuries based at the hospital received a 10-year medal while Maggie, the

hospital's service improvement facilitator, celebrated 30 years of service and was given a clasp to add to the medals she already holds, having accumulated 30 years of service.

They received their awards from the hospital's chief executive Mark Brandreth.

Council agrees to reduction in library hours

A CUT to library hours has been agreed by councillors.

Shropshire Council's cabinet member responsible for libraries said that the move would ensure that libraries could remain open.

Councillor Stuart West, Shropshire Council's cabinet member responsible for libraries said that the move would ensure that libraries could remain open. He said: "They are mild savings not really affecting libraries to a great extent. We are keeping libraries open which is important and I think in general the response from the public has enabled us to put in operation a scheme for each individual library."

"Originally it was proposed to have a 68-hour reduction, through the consultation it has been reduced to 57 hours across 11 libraries."

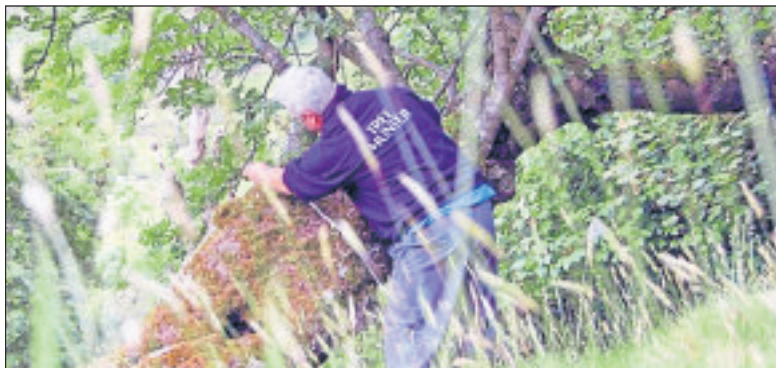
"It is very important to recognise that library services are very important and it is important we do keep them open. I think what we have come up with in the review of opening hours is sensible."

Council leader Malcolm Pate said that the co-operation of town and parish councils and community groups was ensuring the library service is still available to the public. Under the plans Brignorth Library will see a reduction of 11 and a half hours, Ludlow – six hours, Market Drayton – five and a half hours, Oswestry – eight hours, Shrewsbury – eight and a half hours, Whitchurch – three hours, Bayston Hill – two and a half hours, Gobowen – two hours, Much Wenlock – two hours, Shrewsbury, The Lantern – three hours, Wem – five hours. A summary states that in general the revised hours will mean a lunchtime closure and libraries will open from 9.30am.

Tree hunter Rob is happy to continue rooting around



Rob McBride, known as the Tree Hunter, has a fascination with nature



Tree hunter Rob McBride in action as he examines a tree which has caught his interest

Report by James Pugh

WHEN tree enthusiast Rob McBride embarked on a mission to hunt down the most rare and ancient trees in an idyllic section of the Shropshire countryside, he thought he'd been done and dusted in just a few weeks.

But a whopping eight years later, the tree hunter is still trekking on.

Rob, a former software engineer from Ellesmere, started the long-running project to log and verify the ancient trees along the Offa's Dyke path, which runs close to Welshpool and Oswestry, in 2008 – and he still has 50 miles and hundreds of trees to go.

The 177-mile route runs from Prestatyn to Chepstow, and Rob walks a few miles every day as he examines the antique foliage.

Rob, 57, said: "I first walked Offa's Dyke in 2003 – it was a fantastic walk, but in those days I didn't really notice the trees."

"Now that I have, I've developed a real enthusiasm for it."

"There are still hundreds of thousands of trees that haven't been recorded, and many still to be discovered."

"There are many facets to a tree, but what fascinates me most is the human connection – that's what it's all about."

"Often it's been lost over the years, as things don't get written down or they got lost in translation, but if you look hard enough there are incredible stories that have been passed down through generations."

"If you get chatting to people you can find out the history, and you realise that people are intrinsically linked to trees throughout the ages."



Ancient trees have a human connection



Rob McBride's project logs ancient trees along the Offa's Dyke path

Motorists say home is best

EIGHT out of 10 car buyers in Powys and Shropshire would prefer to test-drive a potential new car at their own home, rather than taking the vehicle on the well-driven roads of the dealership, according to online research commissioned by car dealership JT Hughes.

When asked with the reasons why they would prefer to test-drive the car at home rather than at a dealership, there was a drive-away winner for respondents – to include the whole family in the decision-making process. "We see a lot of families come in to our showrooms together to test out new cars, so it's not a real surprise that the results of our survey show this," said Paul Tench, group sales director at JT Hughes Honda, Hyundai and Mitsubishi. "Car buyers today are looking for more flexibility and convenience and car dealerships need to embrace new channels in order to respond to this shift in behaviour."

"Whether this is fitting the whole family in the car, making sure there is enough space in the back for the dogs or just checking to see if the car fits in the garage – they are all very important things to test out before you decide on your new car." In response to the survey, JT Hughes has started a pilot scheme delivering test drive cars to the customer's home or workplace.

Stroke service is set to resume

SPECIALIST stroke medics will be back at the Royal Shrewsbury Hospital by September.

Simon Wright, chief executive of Shrewsbury and Telford Hospital NHS Trust, said a stroke consultant had been appointed – taking the number employed by the trust to four – so will return to having specialist care at Telford's Princess Royal Hospital and the Royal Shrewsbury Hospital from September 5.

It was announced in June that one of the trust's four specialist stroke medics had left and health bosses were unable to immediately replace him, two days after one of the remaining three had to take emergency leave.

It meant that the consultant workforce was reduced by half, leading to a decision to site the remaining physicians at the Princess Royal Hospital.

Stroke patients were only able to receive assistance with rehabilitation from a GP at Shrewsbury and not a specialist medic.

Diabetes event was big success

A DAY to support people living with Type 2 diabetes in Powys has had the most attendees of any event in a series held at 80 locations across the UK.

The free Living with Diabetes Day event took place in Dolfor near Newtown, welcoming 169 people with Type 2 diabetes from the area, with a further 70 placed on a waiting list to attend similar future events.

Diabetes UK designed the event for people who have been diagnosed with Type 2 diabetes in the last few years or those who wanted to add to their knowledge of how to manage the condition.

The event was supported by Powys Teaching Health Board, who gave local people affected by the condition more information on the services available to them.

Cancer waiting times are better

WAITING times for cancer patients continue to improve in Wales – with a key target met, new figures released show.

The statistics show that 98.3 per cent of patients (794 out of 808 people) referred via the non-urgent route, where cancer was not initially suspected, started treatment within 31 days of the decision to treat them, compared to 96.7 per cent of patients in the previous month.

The target is for 98 per cent of patients referred via this route to start treatment within 31 days.

Meanwhile, more patients (88.6 per cent or 534 out of 603 people) who were newly diagnosed via the Urgent Suspected Cancer route started treatment within the 62-day target time, a 1.8 per cent percentage point increase compared to April and the best performance since November 2014. These figures show the highest number of people starting treatment in May within the target time for three years.

MP to press the case for A5 improvements to new roads boss

NEW transport minister John Hayes has been asked to make the dualling of a main road near Oswestry a top priority.

North Shropshire MP Owen Paterson has invited Mr Hayes to see for himself why dualling the A5 from Nesscliffe to Oswestry should be a high priority.

Mr Hayes was appointed transport minister in the wake of Prime Minister Theresa May's changes to the government.

Mr Paterson also wants to put forward the case for bypassing Pant and Llanymynech on the A483. This invitation comes only three months after Under Secretary for Transport Andrew Jones travelled the 22 miles of the single carriageway A5 between Montford Bridge and the Welsh border by car with the North Shropshire MP to view the road himself.

"I really must emphasise that death and injuries affect my constituents and motorists who use that stretch of the A5 disproportionately and it is imperative that this road is brought up to today's modern standards and needs," said Mr Paterson. "It's wholly inadequate and unacceptable for the volume of traffic travelling on that road. It is a cause of frequent congestion and danger. There has to be a long term strategy for dualling the road."

He added: "I look forward to John's visit, he's an ally who understands rural areas, and it is important he sees these problems for himself."

During the visit by Mr Jones, campaigners, business people and politicians alike held meetings with him to stress how important it was for the A5 to be improved. Meanwhile Mr Paterson confirmed he had met with newly appointed Secretary of State for Transport Chris Grayling to discuss extending the rail service from Shrewsbury to Gobowen, Wrexham and Chester.



Roads Minister Andrew Jones MP met campaigners earlier this year to discuss the dualling of the A5

Branches of bank look in peril of cuts

BRANCHES of Lloyds Bank in Shropshire and Mid Wales, including in Welshpool, could be in peril after sweeping cuts were announced.

Lloyds Banking Group is closing 200 branches and cutting 3,000 jobs in the wake of the Brexit vote.

It says it fears a downturn in the economy as it braces itself for a cut in interest rates following Britain's decision to quit the European Union.

None of the branches affected have been named, but the Shropshire and Mid Wales region is likely to be vulnerable because of its rural nature and its number of smaller branches.

The cuts will happen over the next 18 months.

Lloyds has three branches in both Shrewsbury and Telford, and one in Market Drayton, Malpas, Ludlow, Cleobury Mortimer, Bridgnorth, Broseley, Newport, Welshpool, Newtown, Llandrindod Wells and Leominster. It has already announced the closure of its Shifnal branch, claiming earlier this month it has only 15 regular weekly users.

The bank also employs 1,800 at its operations centre on the Pendeford Business Park, close to junction two of the M54. Hundreds more work at its offices in Birmingham.

Lloyds, which is part state-backed, said it was extending the cost-cutting programme it announced in 2014 and the "expected lower for longer interest rate environment".

Lloyds is targeting £1.4 billion in cost savings by the end of next year.

The total number of jobs cut since the announcement of an efficiency drive in 2014 will stand at 12,000 by the end of next year.

The latest 200 branch closures come on top of another 200 already earmarked for closure at Lloyds, which is nine per cent owned by the Government. The bank made the announcement alongside results for the first half of the year, which saw statutory profits more than double to £2.5 billion, but the lender warned that Brexit could have an adverse impact on its future performance.

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Mayor issues a message to yobs

Report by Naomi Penrose

"DISGUSTING" levels of drunken instances of anti-social behaviour will not be tolerated in a Mid Wales town, the mayor has warned.

Welshpool Mayor, Councillor Steve Kaye, has called out the town's yobs and troublemakers after figures from an evidence gathering exercise on anti-social behaviour in the town revealed there had been 19 instances in 18 days.

Welshpool Town Council ran a two-week consultation period in June with residents, which involved them manning a hotline number, monitoring a website and checking an incident book where anti-social behaviour was reported.

Councillor Kaye said at least one instance of loutish behaviour a day was "dragging a good town down".

The findings also revealed that the majority of the offences reported – almost 80 per cent – were alcohol related.

Councillor Kaye said: "These figures are stark, and they're not acceptable. "But it backs up what we've been saying all along, that there is a problem with alcohol related anti-social behaviour and the police need to be doing something about it."

"It gives the complete wrong impression of Welshpool and especially this time of year when it's the tourist season. It isn't the name we want for the town."

Members of Welshpool Town Council have campaigned for a Designated Public Place Order, renamed a People and Place Order, to restrict drinking in the town. Bad language and shouting was the second most common offence during the consultation period.



Welshpool Mayor Steve Kaye has hit out at the town's yobs

The majority of offences were reported as taking place on Berriew Street car park and near to the canal.

Councillor Kaye said because of the high response from the public, the phone line will remain open despite the consultation closing to allay residents' concerns and ensure police remain on top of the situation in the town.

In recent months, the Mid Wales

town has been blighted by problems with drinking in the streets, as well as a discovery of needles and drug paraphernalia dumped near the Scansis play area in Oldford estate.

Residents can report neighbourhood issues confidentially to the town council by using the hotline number (01938) 554433, and information can then be passed to police using the non-emergency 101 number.

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Charming three bedroom cottage in a hamlet location

Situated in the rural hamlet of Grimpo to the north-east of West Felton, Holly Cottage is a charming three-bedroom detached cottage with many original features and beamed ceilings.

Also featuring a large sandstone inglenook and having stunning countryside views, it is for sale through Town & Country at £350,000.

Its accommodation briefly comprises an entrance hallway, lounge, dining room, kitchen, conservatory, downstairs bedroom with an en-suite, a landing, two further bedrooms and a family bathroom. The generous front garden has a flagged paved patio with extensive lawns beyond, a greenhouse, a pergola and wooden sheds. To the rear of the cottage there is gravelled parking for up to four vehicles, an oil tank area and brick built workshops. Situated in a popular rural location it is still close enough to road and rail links.

In more detail it has an entrance hall with quarry tiled flooring and a storage cupboard and latched doors through to the kitchen and then the dining room. The lounge has a part glazed door to the front overlooking the garden, oak flooring, stairs off and a beamed ceiling and large sandstone inglenook with a cast iron log burner and a flagged hearth and beam over.

The dining room has a window with a quarry tiled sill, part beamed ceiling, tiled flooring and patio doors to the conservatory. The kitchen has base and wall units in a cream Shaker-style with oak work surfaces over, display cabinets, part tiled walls, tiled flooring, a sink and electric cooker point, spot lights and space for a fridge and integral Indesit dishwasher. Bedroom one has a window to the side with a quarry tiled sill, a beamed ceiling and an en-suite including a contemporary roll top style bath with an electric shower over and tiled flooring.

The conservatory has a hardwood frame, tiled flooring and a contemporary radiator.

The first floor landing has a beamed ceiling and oak flooring. Bedroom two has a built-in cupboard and a beamed ceiling. Bedroom three has windows with quarry tiled sills and a beamed and vaulted ceiling. There is also a shower room including a corner cubicle and heated towel rail and full tiled walls.

KEY FEATURES

- Original features
- Large stone inglenook
- Unspoilt countryside
- Hamlet location
- Beamed ceilings

WEST FELTON £350,000



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Delightful home on a corner plot in village

GUILDSFIELD

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A delightful detached two bedroom bungalow, 4 Raylaw Avenue, Guildsfield, is on the market through Halls for £172,500.

The property is situated on a generous sized corner plot in the popular village of Guildsfield. Built circa 1970s, the property is fit for immediate occupation, but also provides would-be purchasers with an opportunity to modernise and/or extend, subject to necessary planning consents, to suit their own particular needs. The internal accommodation is well laid out and provides for entrance hall, good sized sitting room with pleasant outlook, kitchen/breakfast room, two double bedrooms and a bathroom.

For details contact Halls on 01938 555552.



Property is within walking distance of town centre

OSWESTRY

£314,995

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The sale of 8 Ardmillan Close, Oswestry offers the rare chance to buy a three-bedroom detached house with a self-contained two-bedroom annexe, within walking distance of the town centre. It is for sale through Bowen Son & Watson at £314,995.

The main property has an entrance lobby, an entrance hall, a lounge, a dining room, a kitchen, a rear hall, a utility room and WC, whilst on the first floor there are three double bedrooms, a bathroom and a separate shower room. The annexe accommodation includes a living room, a kitchen, two bedrooms and a bathroom. Both are warmed by gas central heating and there is double glazing throughout.

Outside there is ample off road parking and a garage and gardens.

Contact Bowen Son & Watson on 01691 652367.

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- Detached Village House With Some Structural Damage
- Standing In Good Sized Plot
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- Four Bedrooms
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- Cul-De-Sac Location
- EPC Band - F

JJD928

GUIDE PRICE £125,000

GOBOWEN



- Semi-Detached Bungalow With Disability Modifications
- PVC DG
- Entrance Porch And Hall
- Kitchen And Utility
- Lounge
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- Shower Room
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- Exceptionally Well Appointed Welsh Stone Cottage
- OFCH & UPVC D/G
- Sitting Room
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- Two Bedrooms
- Separate Garaging
- Sun Room And Workshop
- Rear Terrace Garden
- EPC Band F

JJD901

GUIDE PRICE £189,500

WEST FELTON



- Attractive Detached Country Cottage
- Quiet Country Lane Location
- Kitchen
- Cloakroom And Study
- Living Room
- Three Bedrooms
- Sun Room
- Garage And Ample Parking
- Approx. Half Acre Plot
- Large South Facing Rear Garden
- EPC Band-F

JJD927

GUIDE PRICE £299,950

OSWESTRY



- Victorian End Terrace House
- GFCH
- Two Reception Rooms
- Dining Kitchen
- Two Bedrooms And Loft Room
- Modern Bathroom
- Rear Garden
- Walking Distance Of Town & Woodside School
- EPC Band - E

JJD853

OFFERS OVER £124,950

GOBOWEN



- Close Care Residential Two Bed. Bungalow
- Attractive Purpose Built Complex
- CH & DG
- Lounge/Dining Area
- Kitchen
- UPVC Conservatory
- Enclosed Paved Yard
- Short Walking Distance To Office
- Rear Vehicle Access And Parking Area
- EPC Band - E

JJD870

OFFERS ON £79,950

ST. MARTINS



- Detached House Occupying Pleasant Rural Position
- Opportunity for further improvement
- GFCH
- D/G & Secondary D/G
- Sitting Room & Living Room
- Dining Kitchen
- 3 Good Sized Bedrooms
- Garaging
- Good Sized Garden
- EPC Band D

JJD885

GUIDE PRICE £199,000

TREFONEN



- Most Attractive Village Property
- Large Garden And Paddock
- Uninterrupted South Facing Aspect
- Cloakroom
- Sitting Room And Dining Room
- Breakfast Kitchen
- Side Entrance/Utility
- Four Beds (Master Bed. En Suite)
- Workshop, Double Garage, Outbuilding
- EPC Band F

JJD900

GUIDE PRICE £430,000

OSWESTRY



- Semi-Det. Bungalow with views overlooking Town
- GFCH & PVC DG
- Kitchen
- Living Room
- Two Bedrooms
- Conservatory
- Front And Rear Garden
- Decking
- Summer House And Store Room
- EPC Band - C

JJD906

GUIDE PRICE £134,500

OSWESTRY



- Modern Semi-Detached House
- Ideal FTB or Buy To Let
- Convenient for local facilities
- GFCH & PVC DG
- Entrance Hall
- Kitchen
- Living Room
- Two Bedrooms
- Shower Room
- Ample Parking
- Front & Rear Gardens
- EPC Band - D

JJD912

£118,500

OSWESTRY - TO LET



- Excellent Shop/Restaurant/Take Away Premises
- Occupying Busy Trading Position
- A3 Planning Consent
- 456 sq. ft.
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Family home by river has lots to offer

GLYN CEIRIOG
£379,950

On the banks of the River Ceiriog, Ddol Isa, Llanarmon Road, Glyn Ceiriog near Llangollen, is a well appointed family home with lots to offer both inside and out.

With around two acres (0.81 ha) of land including gardens, a riverside patio area and two paddocks, it has been much improved by the current owners and has well proportioned ground floor living accommodation supplemented by three double bedrooms, a spacious family bathroom and a raised riverside seating area on the first floor.

There is double glazing throughout, oil fired central heating, a detached garage and a two bay stable block. It is for sale through Bowen Son & Watson at £379,950.

Contact Bowen Son & Watson on 01691 772443.



Spacious home in lovely village comes with extra parking

ST MARTINS
£239,950

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A spacious four-bedroomed detached family home, Waterloo House in Ellesmere Road, St Martins comes with ample parking for vehicles and a caravan/motorhome and a well looked after rear garden.

It is for sale through Town & Country at £239,950. It has an entrance hall, a living room, a dining room, a sitting room, a kitchen, a utility room, a cloakroom/WC, a landing, four bedrooms and a family bathroom. The rear garden is a particular feature of the property, also coming with two sheds, and the property is close to road and rail links to major towns and cities.

The front garden is gravelled with a path to the front door. The rear garden is well maintained, having lawn, flower and shrub borders and a patio area.

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OSWESTRY



- WITH NO CHAIN!!
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- Two Double Bedrooms
- Well Maintained
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- UPVC Double Glazing

Offers in the region of £105,000

GOBOWEN



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- Well Presented
- 24 Hour Support Staff
- Superb location
- Conservatory
- Garden
- Double Glazing

£107,000

LLANSILIN



- Pretty Mid-Terrace Cottage
- Village Location
- Two Bedrooms
- Downstairs Shower Room
- Original Features
- Multi-Fuel Heating

£169,950

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- Delightful Three Bedroom
- Detached Property
- Large Plot
- Cloakroom
- Views
- Garage

£179,995

GUILDSFIELD



- Four Double Bedrooms
- En-suite and bathroom
- Original features
- Gas central heating
- Sought after location
- Ample off road parking
- Ex village police house
- Viewing essential

£335,000

GLYN CEIRIOG



- NO CHAIN!!
- Detached Bungalow
- Fully Renovated
- Elevated Position
- Two Garages & Parking
- Front and Rear Gardens

£225,000

TREFLACH



- Building Plot
- Good Sized Plot
- Outline Planning Permission
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- Village Location

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- Well Presented
- Three Bedroom End Terrace
- Family Home
- Gas Central Heating

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OSWESTRY



- Modern Detached House
- Three Bedrooms
- Well Presented
- Cul De Sac Position

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- Detached Family Home
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- Downstairs Cloakroom
- Off-Road Parking
- Shower Room
- uPVC Double Glazing

£164,995

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- Detached Bungalow
- Spacious Accommodation
- Modern Fitted Kitchen
- Two Double Bedrooms
- Large Garage & Driveway

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GOBOWEN



- NO CHAIN!!
- Two Bed Bungalow
- Well Presented
- Superb location
- Conservatory
- Garden

£115,000

LLANFYLLIN



- Family Four Bedroom
- Semi-Detached
- Off-Road Parking
- Close to Local Amenities
- Downstairs Shower Room
- UPVC Double Glazing

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TREGEIRIOG, LLANGOLLEN



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- Four Bedrooms

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OSWESTRY



- NO CHAIN!!
- Sought After Location
- Four Double Bedrooms
- Detached Family Home

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- FABULOUS POSITION
- Recently Updated
- Detached Bungalow
- Elevated Rural Views

Offers in the region of £225,000

OSWESTRY



- Mid Terraced Property
- Two Bedrooms
- Kitchen/diner
- Off Road Parking

£119,950

OSWESTRY



- Detached Bungalow
- Immaculate Presentation
- Three Bedrooms
- En Suite and Conservatory

£180,000



Property within walking distance of town centre

OSWESTRY
£124,950

An attractive Victorian end-of-terrace house with loft room, 16 Vyrnwy Road, Oswestry is on the market through JJ Dell & Co for offers over £124,950. The property is within walking distance of Oswestry's shopping centre.

The property occupies a convenient position within the town only a few minutes' walking distance from the Bailey Head, Oswestry Library, the Methodist Church Playgroup and close to the town's shopping centre.

Woodside Primary School is also within five minutes' walking distance.

The property is an end of terrace house traditionally constructed of brick under a recently refurbished tiled roof.

The attractive accommodation has the benefit of gas fired central heating, modern fitted kitchen



and bathroom and provides a comfortable town house. There is an entrance hall, a sitting room with a fireplace and radiator, and a living room with solid fuel stove and wood burner, radiator and fitted carpet.

The property has a dining kitchen fitted with modern fitted wall and base units with sink unit and integrated appliances, radiator, quarry tiled floor. There is a first floor landing and a family bathroom, having fitted white suite comprising bath, low level WC, pedestal wash hand basin, shower cubicle with electric shower, radiator and fitted carpet.

Bedroom one has a fireplace, radiator and fitted carpet, as does bedroom two.

And there is a loft/bedroom three fitted with Velux window, eaves storage cupboard and fitted carpet.

Contact JJ Dell & Co on 01691 653437 and 680212.



Attractive period family house enjoys a rural location

WEST FELTON
£495,000



An attractive period family house situated in a rural location with extended flexible accommodation, Hailstones, West Felton, Oswestry also has lovely countryside views.

It is for sale through Balfours at £495,000.

It has a reception hall, a kitchen/family room, a sitting room, utility room, office, side entrance hall, a cloakroom, ground floor bedroom, ground floor bathroom, first floor lounge with a balcony, a master bedroom with a dressing room, two further bedrooms, a family shower room, gardens and grounds.

Hailstones is situated in a rural location, on the outskirts of the popular hamlet of West Felton. Local amenities are available in the village by way of a post office, primary school, pub, village hall and church, and the property is well located for commuting.

Contact Balfours on 01743 353511.



Semi-detached property is in a sought after village location

LLANFECHAIN
£189,500



A spacious extended semi-detached family home, 4 Maes Mechain, Llanfechain, lies in a sought after village location.

Well maintained and tastefully decorated throughout, it is for sale through Town & Country at £189,500.

Having four bedrooms it is close to local amenities which include a primary and junior school, church, restaurant, community hall and the village community shop.

Its accommodation briefly comprises an enclosed porch, an entrance hall, a living room, a snug, a kitchen/diner, a rear hall, a WC, utility room, landing with built-in wardrobes, four bedrooms and a luxury family bathroom.

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6 Old St Martins Road, Gobowen
£119,950

Modernised Mid Terrace House. Lounge and kitchen / diner. Two Bedrooms and fitted bathroom. Gas-fired central heating and double glazing. Parking and landscaped gardens to the rear. Well located for village amenities. Ideal first-time or investment property. EPC Rating = 55 (D)

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27 Doctors Meadow, Ruyton XI Towns
£239,950

Det family house, end of cul-de-sac position. 2 Reception and spacious conservatory. Kitchen, utility, cloakroom, store room. 4 bedrooms, en-suite and family bathroom. Gas fired c/heating, double glazing. Parking, gardens, backing onto the River Perry. EPC Rating = 70 (C). £250 towards legal fees (subject to conditions)

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1 Coppice Drive, Oswestry
£159,950

Detached house on edge of town. Two reception rooms and sun room to rear. Fitted kitchen and ground floor toilet. Three bedrooms and fitted bathroom. Double glazing and gas fired central heating. Rear vehicular access to garage. On-site parking and enclosed garden and patio. EPC Rating = 46 (E)

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11 Parc Llwyfen, Llanymynech
£315,000

Detached four bedroom house and garage. Two receptions, study, kitchen and utility. Family bathroom and en-suite shower. Gas-fired central heating, double glazing. Enclosed and well maintained rear garden. Pleasant recent established estate. Close to village amenities and A483. EPC Rating = 62 (D)

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4 Rose Cottage, Llansantffraid
£110,000

End terraced cottage. Central village location. Close to local village amenities. Grade II listed - EPC Exempt. Kitchen, L-shaped living/dining room, w.c. One large bedroom, study/office. Oil-fired central heating. Garden. Available with No Onward Chain. Ideal First Time / Investment Buy.

Oswestry Office 01691 679595


Tan-Y-Twist, Llanrhaeadr YM
£119,500

Charming village cottage. Character features throughout. Situated in an elevated position overlooking the village. Lounge, sun room, kitchen/breakfast. Bedroom with en-suite shower. Garden and seating area. EPC Rating = 18 (G) No Chain

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MORDA

4 Bed Det House, Gas C/H, FTE, (EPC=67) (£750 dep)	£650 pcm
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Substantial house has around two acres of grounds

ELLESMERE
£675,000

A substantial six-bedroom period house with around two acres of grounds within walking distance of the town, Grove House, Elson Road, Ellesmere is for sale through Balfours at £675,000.

It has an entrance hall, a sitting room, dining room, large kitchen, conservatory/garden room, snooker room, study, utility and cloakroom/WC, master bedroom suite, two further en-suite bedrooms, three further bedrooms, a bathroom, office, pond, shed and shelter, patio, garage and 1.8 acres.

Grove House is situated in a popular residential area of Ellesmere, a small market town in the heart of Shropshire.

It has a range of local amenities and recreational facilities together with excellent primary and secondary schools, including the reputable



Ellesmere College. Grove House is a period brick property believed to date back to 1920 with a more recent extension providing spacious flexible accommodation.

On the ground floor there are four reception rooms, two with fireplaces and bay windows. There is also a welcoming entrance hall, large family kitchen, study and cloakroom.

On the first floor, the large master bedroom has a dressing room, en suite bathroom and a balcony overlooking the field and surrounding countryside. There are two additional en suite bedrooms, three further bedrooms, a family bathroom and an office.

Outside there is a driveway, garage, patio, paddock and pond. Road networks in the area are good, whilst a local rail service can be found at Gobowen connecting to intercity services at Shrewsbury, Birmingham and Manchester.

Contact Balfours on 01743 353511.



Period property comes with ground floor bungalow

OSWESTRY
£475,000 >>>

Archways on Morda Road, Oswestry is a large period four-bedroomed town property with a snooker room, a second floor apartment and a separate ground floor bungalow.

It is for sale through JJ Dell & Co at £475,000. The spacious accommodation with a photovoltaic system (solar panels) has scope for improvement. It has a covered porch, a reception hall, two store cupboards, a dining room, office area, lounge and a snug. The kitchen has a pantry cupboard and there is a dining area, a utility room, snooker room and downstairs WC. Upstairs are the bedrooms as well as a bathroom with a Jacuzzi bath. There is also a two bedroomed apartment with a living room, kitchen and a bathroom. Outside, the property has a tarmacadam driveway providing ample car parking. This leads to a modern detached bungalow annexe.

Contact JJ Dell & Co on 01691 653437 and 680212.



Delightful home enjoys private and beautiful rural location

PONT ROBERT
£425,000 <<<

A delightful detached rural smallholding with detached two-storey residence, Ysgubor Rhos, Pont Robert, Meifod, is on the market through Halls for £425,000.

The property comes together with stables and outbuildings, private driveway with ample parking, attractive gardens and paddock land divided into six enclosures and a small coppice extending to approximately 8.22 acres.

One of the most notable features of the property is its beautiful, private, rural location with superb riding out, walking and biking opportunities which is ideal for country sports enthusiasts. Located near Lake Vyrnwy and the Dyfnant Forest, it is 45 minutes drive from the West Wales coast.

The village of Pont Robert is one of the more attractive Welsh border villages and has become an increasingly popular village in which to live.

Contact Halls on 01938 555552.



Chance encounter with a bloody-nosed beetle

WITH the summer holidays finally upon us, I took the opportunity to leave sunny Shropshire and traverse the rather damp North Pembrokeshire coast for a few days last week.

With best mate Kevin, we managed to keep ourselves and kids busy during the day, whilst in the mercifully dry and calm evenings we snuck out down to the local 'secret' cove for a spot of fishing.

The path took us steeply down through thickets of first slough and then gorse before opening out onto a grassland of meadow flowers and bedstraw, hemmed in on three sides by thick stands of bracken and the sea beyond.

The cove itself was tiny and pebbled and the beach featured the stalls in a natural amphitheatre carved out of the rock which rose steeply to form headlands, jutting out on either side. Most fishermen believe, wrongly, that one must cast out as far as possible to reach the largest fish. To enable us to do this and cover as much of the bay as possible, we decided to clamber out under the cliffs of the headland and cast across the bay with our little lures.

A minor feat of rock-climbing later and we were in position. Needless to say we caught absolutely nothing, but it didn't matter. As the sun began its forlorn journey of conference with the horizon a large, bull grey seal emerged to watch us for several minutes as cormorants and gannets flew across the mouth of the cove, far out to sea.

With the time and tide against us, we turned to retrace our path. Only then did we realise that we had made the most elemental of mistakes – we had been cut off

ON THE WILDSIDE

with Ben Waddams



by the aforementioned tide. To be fair the 'wee drams' may have had something to do with it, but either way we were stuck. To either side were sheer slabs ending in cold and dark water and behind us lay the steep, bracken-laden cliff.

We stumbled up it gamely clinging on to tufts of suspect vegetation before fortunately making it to the top. We then faced a 'bushwhack' through the head-high bracken, gorse and bramble.

The problem now was that we couldn't see where we were walking/wading. Inevitably we plunged into dip and hole time and again before eventually I had had enough and decided simply to throw myself down the slope and back towards the beach.

Inevitably this may have been but it was also effective, however on one of our halts I landed face to face with an insect I had sought back home for many years. To say I was more surprised than it was, was confirmed as I carefully picked it up for examination.

It was a beautiful 'bloody-nosed' beetle, so named for its habit of shedding a blood-like substance from its mouthparts when alarmed. I was gentle with this one and happily did not alarm it sufficiently for it to 'bleed'. But what a beauty.

It is one of our largest 'leaf beetles' and adults feed on the leaves of Lady's Bedstraw, the plant I had seen growing in profusion around us and tripping us at every step for the last, somewhat desperate half hour. For those of you who have not ex-



Ben discovers a bloody-nosed beetle in the bracken in north Pembrokeshire

perienced the beetle before, you may have been 'excreted' upon by a ladybird, who employs a similar trick, albeit orange in colour rather than blood-red.

If you hold a ladybird on the tip of your finger it will often spread its shelled wing coverings and take off; not so the bloody-nosed beetle. The line running down its

back gives the impression of separate wing cases, but they are actually fused together and this beetle does not fly. The moral of this story certainly isn't 'get cut-off by the tide' but having said that, if we hadn't, I wouldn't have realised my bloody-nosed ambition.

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Summer break²⁷ sees rise in use of food banks

FOR youngsters it is one of the most exciting times of the year – but for some parents the summer holidays can be a time of dread at the prospect of providing their children with an extra meal a day.

Shropshire food banks say they have already seen a surge in the number of families they are helping.

And they talk of some parents going without to ensure their children get a meal.

Liz Jermy, project manager at Oswestry and Borders Food Bank, said 16 families have signed up to a summer holiday voucher scheme, which is on top of those who they service already provide food parcels for.

She said: "The summer holidays can be a really difficult and stressful time for families, especially without the free breakfasts and lunches provided at school, which can mean a family's food bill can double over the holidays."

"We have in place a summer holiday voucher scheme which were sent out via schools."

"We're glad that people realise they should come to us because that's what we're here for, and when they do come they receive a warm welcome."

Ms Jermy also encouraged families who hadn't signed up via schools, to visit their GP, local Citizen's Advice or a health visitor who will be able to refer them.

Erin Aston has been a volunteer with the Telford Food Bank since it opened in April 2013 but has been employed by Telford Crisis Support, which runs the food bank and offers urgent aid to people in need in the borough for the past 18 months.

She said as a volunteer she regularly sees spikes in the number of people using the food bank but said in her time as an employee it has become more clear that more people use the service during school holidays. She said: "There's no free school meals, that's one of the reasons we see more people in the school holidays."

The Trussell Trust charity said it saw 5,000 more emergency food supplies given to children nationally by food banks in July and August last year compared to the previous two months.

To help families cope this summer, the charity has started developing its Holiday Clubs project for their network of food banks as part of a preventative solution to hunger and isolation. In total across the Trussell Trust network more than 40 churches and community groups will be involved in providing holiday schemes this summer alongside their food bank activities, meaning more than one in 10 Trussell Trust food banks will be working in some way to offer extra help to families struggling this summer.



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A soldier's life is a tough life at Whittington Castle



Rob Jones, Richard Cartwright and Robert Palfrey from across the Midlands



Katy Groves is given some archery hints at the event

Through the ages

Report by **Jordan Reynolds**

HUNDREDS of re-enactors travelled from all over Britain for an annual living history event.

Whittington Castle, near Oswestry, turned back the clock for its living history event which sees re-enactors arrive in uniforms and take part in activities for all the family.

The castle hosted groups of re-enactors for a full two days of battle drills and living history.

Castle manager Sue Ellis said: "It is a chance for visitors to be able to travel through history to everything from the Middle Ages right through to World War Two. They have living history enactments and they're all dressed up and we've ended each day with a big tug of war, it's been quite fun. All the volunteers and workers are dressed up too in 1920s to 1960s and 1970s outfits. I'm not sure how many people have arrived, but it's got to be 300 or 400."

"We've got a new World War Two group this year and some new traders. There is also a Medieval group that weren't here last year but are back again this year, called Freemen of Gwent. There has been visitors of all ages and families and different nationalities, with children re-enactors right through to retired people."

"One group came all the way from Edinburgh, we get people from all over Britain."

There were also stalls selling crafts throughout the ages including jewellery, leather and crafts, and Whittington Castle had a sweet trolley.

Mrs Ellis said: "We had a full programme each day, there was something going on every hour or half hour."

"Families can get involved in being drilled from someone from the Second World War."

"There's also been archery, talks and demonstrations each day."



Youngsters take part in the history event at Whittington Castle. Photos: Jamie Ricketts.



Historic Whittington Castle hosted the two-day event



Jo Whittall, Rhys Williams and Sam Martin got all dressed up at the castle



Orders are issued at the living history event



Joan Adams, Tracy Cartwright and Lynne Mace of The Birmingham Pals



Terry Rogers from Gobowen was dressed to impress



Youngsters of all ages enjoyed learning more about various periods of history at the event at Whittington Castle



Re-enactment enthusiasts came from all over the country to Whittington Castle for the history event



Carol Carter and John Carter from Malpas keep an eye on the skies



Guinevere Davies and Amanda Rogers from Gloucestershire attended the event



The history enthusiasts worked hard



Preparations are made for the multi period living history weekend



Olympics 2016

12.10pm

Hazel Irvine introduces the opening live coverage of the Olympic Games from Rio, featuring rowing heats, the men's cycling road race and swimming heats. The Lagoa Stadium is the first venue as the rowing gets under way, with John Inverdale presenting the heats of the men's single sculls at 12.30.



Full Steam Ahead

7.30pm

The historians reveal how the railways transformed the British diet. Alex Langlands and Peter Ginn discover how the mass transportation of livestock gave birth to the traditional British roast, and Ruth Goodman is in Whitby, which became a thriving fishing town thanks to the North Yorkshire Moors Railway.



Catchphrase

7.15pm

Mandy Lillie, Matthew Newman and Nimisha Odedra set out to prove they can 'see it and say it' as Stephen Mulhern challenges them to guess the familiar phrases hidden in animated clues. After the first elimination, the two remaining players battle to reach the Super Catchphrase round.



Come Dine with Me

6pm

The final night of the competition in the Lytham St Annes and Southport area arrives, and no-nonsense Russian Tanya is the final host. However, a disastrous Russian-speaking lesson, a bad experience with caviar, and explosive vegetables look set to derail the evening.



Cricket on 5

7pm

England v Pakistan. Mark Nicholas presents action from day four of the Third Test in the four-match series, which took place at Edgbaston. With commentary and analysis from Geoffrey Boycott, Michael Vaughan and Simon Hughes.

BBC1

6.00 **Olympic Breakfast.**
10.00 **Saturday Kitchen Live.** Tom Kerridge takes on hosting duties as Paul Ainsworth and Galton Blackiston prepare culinary treats.
11.30 **Home Cooking Made Easy.** (R)
12.00 **BBC News;** Weather.
12.10 **Olympics 2016.** Hazel Irvine introduces the opening live coverage of the Olympic Games from Rio, featuring rowing heats, the men's cycling road race and swimming heats.
6.00 **BBC News.**
6.10 **Midlands Today;** Weather.
6.20 **Olympics 2016.** Day one in Rio continues with the conclusion of the men's cycling road race, the women's rugby sevens pool matches and the beach volleyball preliminaries. Fort Copacabana is the setting for the cycling road race, with the British riders hoping to be more successful than in the London Games four years ago. On that occasion, Mark Cavendish started as the favourite as part of a star-studded Team GB, but the rest of the field did everything possible to stop the flying Manxman from winning, with gold eventually being won by Alexander Vinokourov of Kazakhstan. The preliminary fixtures continue at the Beach Volleyball Arena in the men's and women's disciplines, and the women's rugby sevens pool matches take place during the evening at the Deodoro Stadium, while the women's -48kg and men's -60kg judo medals are decided from 21.00 at Carioca Arena 2. The battle to win the first of the archery medals concludes at the Sambodromo at 21.07, featuring the bronze-medal encounter and the final of the men's team event, with South Korea expected to be among the nations involved in the latter stages. Plus, highlights of the men's artistic gymnastics qualifiers at the Rio Olympic Arena and the first-round matches at the Olympic Tennis Centre. Clare Balding presents.
10.10 **BBC News;** Weather.
10.30 **Olympics 2016.** Clare Balding and Mark Chapman introduce further live coverage from the opening day in Rio, featuring women's rugby sevens pool matches and men's artistic gymnastics qualification. The rugby takes place at the Deodoro Stadium with the 12 entrants aiming to qualify for the quarter-finals. Great Britain have been drawn in Pool C alongside Brazil, Canada and Japan, having qualified through results in the World Sevens Series. The gymnastics at the Rio Olympic Arena is all about the men's qualifiers, with places in the individual apparatus finals up for grabs, as well as in the men's team all-around final. Plus, a round-up of the rest of the day's key moments so far.
1.00 **Olympics 2016.** Jason Mohammad introduces the final live coverage of the opening day in Rio; **National Lottery Update.**
4.00 **Weather for the Week Ahead.**
4.05 **BBC News.**

BBC2

6.00 **The Women's Football Show.** (R)
6.30 **FILM: The Silver Darlings (1947).** Period drama, starring Helen Shingler.
7.55 **FILM: The Happiest Days of Your Life (1950).** Comedy, starring Alastair Sim.
9.15 **Olympics 2016.** Another chance to see the opening ceremony of the Games of the XXXI Olympiad, which took place at the Maracana Stadium in Rio, Brazil. (R)
12.00 **The Hairy Bikers' Northern Exposure.** Si and Dave taste some of Russia's finest foods. (R)
1.00 **Bargain Hunt.** (R)
1.45 **Homes Under the Hammer.** Properties in Devon, Kent and Stoke. (R)
2.45 **Escape to the Country.** (R)
3.30 **Flog It!** From Rhosygilwen Mansion near Cardigan. (R)
4.20 **Full Steam Ahead.** Peter Ginn and Alex Langlands work as navies. (R)
5.20 **Highlands: Scotland's Wild Heart.** The course of the seasons, beginning with spring. (R)
6.20 **Gardeners' World.** (R)
6.50 **Proms Extra 2016.**
7.30 **Full Steam Ahead.** How the railways transformed the British diet, with the mass transportation of livestock giving birth to the British roast. Plus, how rail helped transformed the fortunes of Whitby. (R)
8.30 **Dad's Army.** The platoon takes part in an exercise with the regular army and everything goes well – until Mainwaring assumes the role of an enemy agent on the run. (R)
9.00 **The Mystery of Van Gogh's Ear.** Jeremy Paxman and Bernadette Murphy investigate why Vincent Van Gogh took a blade to his own ear in 1888, traveling across France, the Netherlands and California seeking answers.
10.00 **The National Lottery Live.** Sonali Shah presents as the winning Lotto and Thunderball numbers are revealed. Plus, a behind-the-scenes insight into Team GB training techniques for the Rio 2016 Olympic Games.
10.10 **Olympics 2016.** Clare Balding introduces further coverage from the opening day in Rio, where sports including beach volleyball and women's rugby sevens are set to continue.
10.30 **QI XL.** Extended edition. Ross Noble, Kathy Lette, Sue Perkins and Alan Davies attempt to answer host Stephen Fry's range of fiendish questions on the topic of ladies and gentlemen. (R)
11.15 **Versailles.** The traitor strikes in the palace prison, while Henriette has a rocky reunion with her brother, Charles II of England. Elsewhere, Beatrice risks a rendezvous with Marchal; (R) **Inside Versailles.** Professor Kate Williams and Greg Jenner consider court etiquette in the age of Louis XIV after the latest instalment of Versailles. (R)
12.15 **FILM: About Elly (2009).** Drama, starring Golshifteh Farahani and Shahab Hosseini.
2.10 **FILM: Dracula (1958).** Hammer horror, starring Christopher Lee.
3.30 **This Is BBC2.**
5.45 **Gardeners' World.** (R)

ITV

6.00 **CITV: Fort Boyard Ultimate Challenge**
6.25 Pat & Stan **6.35** Dino Dan **6.45** Dino Dan **6.55** Signed Stories: Share a Story **7.00** Sooty **7.15** Super **4** **7.35** Thunderbirds Are Go **8.00** Ninjago: Rise of the Snakes
8.25 **ITV News.**
8.30 **Weekend.** With David Emanuel, Jeff Stelling and The Veronicas.
9.25 **Murder, She Wrote.** A ballerina is murdered. (R)
10.20 **Murder, She Wrote.** Robert Vaughn guest stars. (R)
11.20 **FILM: Columbo: Etude in Black (1972).** An orchestra conductor murders his mistress for threatening to reveal their affair, but reckons without Columbo. Detective drama, starring Peter Falk, John Cassavetes and Myrna Loy.
1.20 **ITV News and Weather;** Weather.
1.35 **Wild Animal Reunions.** A surrogate mother to over 300 monkeys is reunited with her wild charges. (R)
2.35 **Doc Martin.** The doctor is surprised when his parents pay a visit, but their arrival brings unwelcome news for Aunt Joan. PC Mylow proposes to Julie and Danny Steel suffers a collapsed lung. (R)
3.40 **All Star Family Fortunes.** With Katie Price and Charlie Lawson. (R)
4.40 **FILM: The Scorpion King (2002).** A warlord resolves to rid the desert of its last remaining tribes, prompting them to seek the aid of a legendary assassin. Fantasy adventure, with Dwayne Johnson and Steven Brand.
6.15 **ITV News Central;** Weather.
6.30 **ITV News and Weather.**
6.45 **You've Been Framed!** Harry Hill narrates a comical selection of mishaps filmed by viewers, featuring a toddler destroying Stonehenge and a seagull who loves dubstep.
7.15 **Catchphrase.** Stephen Mulhern challenges Mandy Lillie, Matthew Newman and Nimisha Odedra to guess the familiar phrases hidden in animated clues, before one of them plays to win £50,000.
8.00 **FILM: Skyfall (2012).** James Bond hunts the mastermind behind a terrorist attack on MI6, and discovers a former agent with revenge in mind. Action thriller, starring Daniel Craig and Javier Bardem.
10.45 **ITV News and Weather;** Weather.
11.00 **FILM: Carry On Girls (1973).** A local council plans to hold a beauty contest to attract tourists, but an outraged feminist group is plotting to sabotage the event. Comedy, starring Sid James and June Whitfield.
12.45 **Jackpot247.** Viewers get the chance to participate in live interactive gaming from the comfort of their sofas, with a mix of roulette-wheel spins and lively chat from the presenting team.
3.00 **Murder, She Wrote.** Jessica enters the tough world of boxing to clear her friend of murdering a devious fight manager. Guest starring Ernest Borgnine and Adam West. (R)
3.50 **ITV Nightscreen.**

Channel 4

6.15 **Shipping Wars.** Jennifer Brennan transports a cargo of live animals. (R)
6.40 **Gillette World Sport.** Including action from the Rally Finland.
7.10 **Cardiff Triathlon.** Action from the annual event based around Cardiff Bay.
7.35 **Everybody Loves Raymond.** Ray prepares to tell Ally the facts of life. (R)
8.00 **Everybody Loves Raymond.** Debra runs for school president. (R)
8.30 **Everybody Loves Raymond.** Debra offends Lois. (R)
9.00 **The Morning Line.** Emma Spencer and guests look ahead to the Shergar Cup.
10.05 **The Big Bang Theory.** Leonard and Sheldon go through an adjustment period. (R)
10.35 **The Big Bang Theory.** The friends compete in a scavenger hunt. (R)
11.05 **The Simpsons.** Krusty spices up his act. (R)
11.35 **The Simpsons.** A carnival worker moves in with the Simpsons. (R)
12.05 **FILM: City of Ember (2008).** Fantasy adventure, starring Saoirse Ronan.
2.00 **Channel 4 Racing.** Nick Luck presents live coverage of three meetings. From Ascot, races start at 2.20, 2.55, 3.30 and 4.05. From Haydock Park at 2.35 and 3.45. From Newmarket at 3.15. Coverage begins on More4 at 1.00pm.
4.30 **Come Dine with Me.** The first in a series of parties in the Lytham St Annes and Southport area.
5.00 **Come Dine with Me.** First-aider Savannah hosts the second party in the Lytham St Annes and Southport area.
5.30 **Come Dine with Me.** Performing arts teacher Mark hosts the third dinner in the Lytham St Annes and Southport area.
6.00 **Come Dine with Me.** Straight-talking Russian expatriate Tanya hosts the final dinner party in the Lytham St Annes and Southport area, but not everything goes according to plan.
6.30 **Channel 4 News.**
7.00 **FILM: Men in Black (1997).** A cop joins a secret force policing aliens on Earth, and teams up with a veteran partner to track down a giant insect. Sci-fi comedy, starring Will Smith and Tommy Lee Jones.
9.00 **FILM: Super 8 (2011).** Premiere. A group of children witnesses a train crash and discovers an alien creature has escaped from the wreckage. Sci-fi thriller, starring Joel Courtney and Elle Fanning.
11.15 **FILM: Trance (2013).** A hypnotist helps an amnesiac art dealer remember where he hid a painting stolen from his own auction house. Crime thriller, starring James McAvoy and Rosario Dawson.
1.10 **Ramsay's Kitchen Nightmares USA.** Park's Kitchen restaurant in Atlanta, Georgia. (R)
2.05 **Hollyoaks.** Omnibus. The police arrest Mac. (R)
4.10 **Kirstie's Fill Your House for Free.** (R)
4.25 **Location, Location, Location.** (R)
5.20 **Double Your House for Half the Money.** Extending properties in West Sussex and south London. (R)

Channel 5

6.00 **Milkshake!** Bob the Builder **6.10** Wanda and the Alien **6.20** Pets **6.25** Noddy in Toyland **6.40** Paw Patrol **6.50** Little Princess **7.05** Pip Ahoy! **7.20** Blaze and the Monster Machines **7.45** Ben and Holly's Little Kingdom **8.00** Shimmer and Shine
8.25 **Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles.** (R)
9.00 **The Saturday Show Live.** With guest Amelia Lily.
11.00 **Funniest Fails, Falls & Flops.**
11.30 **The Nightmare Neighbour Next Door.** (R)
12.25 **The Nightmare Neighbour Next Door.** A farmer is suspected of killing a family's dogs. (R)
1.20 **The Nightmare Neighbour Next Door.** A neighbourhood conflict in Wales. (R)
2.20 **Police Interceptors.** Dan Braggins tracks down a driver who has given him the slip in Spalding. (R)
3.20 **Police Interceptors.** The dog unit embarks on a hunt for an armed man. (R)
4.20 **Police Interceptors.** The helicopter crew is called out to rescue a woman trapped by rising water. (R)
5.15 **Can't Pay? We'll Take It Away.** A dispute between a landlord and a tenant who refuses to leave. (R)
6.10 **Can't Pay? We'll Take It Away.** Agents Paul and Phil head to Kent for an eviction and discover a full-scale cannabis factory upstairs. Plus, Brian and Delroy chase a debt of nearly £3,000 in Hampshire. (R)
7.00 **Cricket on 5.** England v Pakistan. Mark Nicholas presents action from day four of the Third Test in the four-match series, which took place at Edgbaston. NCIS, Gibbs and the team investigate the death of a Navy lieutenant commander's husband, while Tony's father visits for Christmas. Guest starring Robert Wagner. (R)
8.55 **5 News Weekend.**
9.00 **Football on 5: The Championship.** New series. George Riley and Lynsey Hipgrave introduce highlights from the opening weekend's games in the Championship, including Fulham v Newcastle United from Friday night.
10.00 **Football on 5: Goal Rush.** New series. George Riley and Lynsey Hipgrave introduce all the goals from the opening weekend's games in the Leagues One and Two.
10.30 **Celebrity Big Brother.** Highlights of the famous housemates' past 24 hours under the all-seeing eye of Big Brother, as they try to get used to living alongside one another.
11.35 **Impractical Jokers UK.** Four friends compete in a series of challenges, and in the first task have to add as many scoops of peas as they can to other diners' plates. (R)
12.05 **SuperCasino.** Live interactive gaming.
3.10 **Celebrity Big Brother.** Highlights of the famous housemates' past 24 hours. (R)
4.00 **GP's: Behind Closed Doors.** (R)
4.50 **Divine Designs.** (R)
5.15 **Nick's Quest.** (R)
5.40 **Angels of Jarm.** (R)
5.50 **Roary the Racing Car.** (R)



Match of the Day: Community Shield Highlights

10.30pm
Leicester City v Manchester United. Leicester stunned the football world by winning the league last season, but have lost influential midfielder N'Golo Kante to Chelsea during the summer, while United have strengthened well under new manager Jose Mourinho.



Robot Wars

8pm
Dara O Briain and Angela Scanlon present more battles in the arena, including a robot designed by a nine-year-old girl, which comes complete with a huge pink axe. Other entrants include a team of students from Falkirk whose robot is made of wood and has a petrol engine.



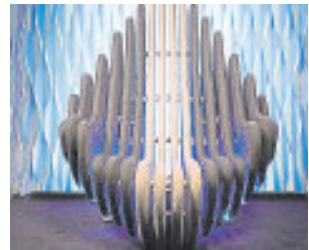
Midsomer Murders

8pm
When wealthy landowner Gregory Lancaster's body goes missing on the night of his death, a sinister web of secrets and lies is exposed in the village of Little Malton. As DCI Barnaby, DS Nelson and Kam Karimore investigate, they find themselves drawn into a world of body-snatching.



The Simpsons: Homer Day

2pm
Homer goes to a Country and Western bar after a row with Marge, and vows to make the venue's singing waitress a star. As he throws himself into the role of manager, he realises he has to choose between his new career and his loyalty to his family. Featuring the voice of Beverly D'Angelo.



Celebrity Big Brother

9pm
A chance to catch up with the latest events inside the star-studded compound as the celebrities cope with living under constant surveillance, with all the arguments and alliances, as well as the revelation in the diary room. Narrated by Marcus Bentley.

BBC1

- 6.00 **Olympic Breakfast.**
- 9.00 **BBC News.**
- 10.00 **Sunday Morning Live.** Naga Munchetty presents a topical debate covering religious, moral and ethical issues, with guest panellists and contributions from viewers.
- 11.00 **Homes Under the Hammer.** Lucy Alexander and Martin Roberts explore a semi-detached property in Stoke, a mid-terrace house in Tooting, south London, and a home in Radcliffe, Greater Manchester. (R)
- 12.00 **Bargain Hunt.** David Harper and Catherine Southon help two couples search for collectibles at a fair in the 820-acre parkland surrounding Kedleston Hall in Derbyshire. (R)
- 12.45 **BBC News; Weather.**
- 1.00 **Olympics 2016.** Hazel Irvine presents from Rio, where the second day of the Games gets under way, featuring rowing, artistic gymnastics, road cycling and swimming.
- 6.00 **BBC News.**
- 6.20 **Midlands Today; Weather.**
- 6.30 **Countryfile.** Anita Rani reports from Kerrera, a tiny island in the Scottish Inner Hebrides, close to the town of Oban, which in the last census had a population of just 34.
- 7.30 **Olympics 2016.** Day two in Rio continues with the conclusion of the women's cycling road race at Fort Copacabana and the women's rugby sevens quarter-finals at the Deodoro Stadium. Selection this year for the cycling places in Team GB has proven somewhat controversial, but the squad of Lizzie Armitstead, Emma Pooley and Nikki Harris is one of the most experienced ones at the Games, and Armitstead will be hoping to go one better than at London 2012, when she finished second behind Marianne Vos. Only four sides were eliminated at the group stage of the women's rugby, so Great Britain will expect to be involved, but picking a winner of the tournament is difficult, as the sport of rugby returns to the Olympic fold for the first time since 1924. Plus, a round-up of the rest of the day's action, including the women's artistic gymnastics qualifiers.
- 10.00 **BBC News.**
- 10.20 **Midlands Today; Weather.**
- 10.30 **Match of the Day: Community Shield Highlights.** Leicester City v Manchester United. Action from the curtain-raiser to the English top-flight campaign, as the Premier League champions faced the FA Cup-winners at Wembley Stadium.
- 11.15 **Olympics 2016.** The latest coverage from day two in Rio, including action from the women's artistic gymnastics qualifiers at the Rio Olympic Arena. Presented by Clare Balding.
- 1.00 **Olympics 2016.** Jason Mohammad introduces the concluding live coverage on day two of the Games in Rio, featuring the women's artistic gymnastics qualifiers and four swimming finals.
- 4.00 **Weather for the Week Ahead.**
- 4.05 **BBC News.**

BBC2

- 6.15 **Countryfile.** Matt Baker travels along the South Wales coast. (R)
- 7.15 **The Beechgrove Garden.** Chris Beardshaw replants the bog garden.
- 7.45 **Saturday Kitchen Best Bites.** James Martin presents highlights of the series, recalling his favourite moments from previous years in the kitchen. Featuring an archive programme presented by Rick Stein. (R)
- 9.15 **Olympics: Rio Highlights 2016.** Jason Mohammad introduces highlights of the opening day of the Olympic Games from Rio, where medals were decided in swimming, road cycling and judo.
- 1.00 **FILM: The Third Man (1949).** A writer goes in search of the truth behind a friend's death in post-Second World War Vienna, but is unprepared for what he finds. Thriller, starring Joseph Cotten and Orson Welles.
- 2.40 **Escape to the Continent.** A Kent couple plan to relocate to the Puglia region of Italy. (R)
- 3.40 **Flog It!** From Herne Bay, Kent. (R)
- 4.25 **Songs of Praise.** Josie d'Arby marks the 300th anniversary of Capability Brown's birth.
- 5.00 **New Zealand: Earth's Mythical Islands.** The nation's pre-human past. (R)
- 6.00 **Olympics 2016.** Day two of the Games in Rio continues with the latest swimming heats at the Olympic Aquatics Stadium and the women's cycling road race from Fort Copacabana. Hazel Irvine presents.
- 7.30 **Wallace & Gromit: A Close Shave.** Nick Park's animated characters embark on their third adventure, which sees Wallace fall in love and Gromit framed for sheep rustling. With the voices of Peter Sallis and Anne Reid. (R)
- 8.00 **Robot Wars.** Dara O Briain and Angela Scanlon present more battles in the arena, including a robot designed by a nine-year-old girl, which comes complete with a huge pink axe.
- 9.00 **Dragons' Den.** The panel assesses the profit-making potential of a fledgling fashion business, a brand of pork scratchings and a device for folding paper. Presented by Evan Davis.
- 10.00 **Olympics 2016.** Coverage of day two continues with the men's hockey group match between Great Britain and New Zealand and the quarter-finals of the women's rugby sevens. Presented by Clare Balding.
- 11.15 **FILM: Youth in Revolt (2009).** Comedy, starring Michael Cera and Portia Doubleday.
- 12.40 **Sign Zone: Countryfile.** Matt Baker travels along the South Wales coastline, while Naomi Wilkinson goes punting on the river Cam and joins a member of the Wildlife Trust looking for bats. (R)
- 1.35 **Sign Zone: Holby City.** Still grieving for Arthur, Ric questions his surgical skill, when he faces losing another young man, and Oliver realises he needs to move on from his relationship with Zosia. (R)
- 2.40 **This Is BBC2.**

ITV

- 6.00 **CITV: Fort Boyard Ultimate Challenge**
- 6.25 **Pat & Stan**
- 6.35 **Dino Dan**
- 6.55 **Signed Stories: Share a Story**
- 7.00 **Sooty**
- 7.15 **Super 4**
- 7.35 **Thunderbirds Are Go**
- 8.00 **Ninjago: Rise of the Snakes**
- 8.25 **ITV News.**
- 8.30 **Weekend.** With guests Beverley Knight and Brian Cox.
- 9.25 **Murder, She Wrote.** Jessica visits Hollywood. (R)
- 10.25 **Murder, She Wrote.** Jessica investigates a murder in Monte Carlo. (R)
- 11.25 **FILM: Columbo: Negative Reaction (1974).** A photographer murders his wife and makes it look as if she was killed by a kidnapper – but the shabby sleuth sees through his ruse. Crime drama, with Peter Falk and Dick Van Dyke.
- 1.20 **ITV News and Weather; Weather.**
- 1.25 **Long Lost Family.** Helping a woman find the daughter she gave up for adoption in 1968. (R)
- 2.30 **Love Your Garden.** Transforming gardens across the nation. (R)
- 3.30 **FILM: The Queen (2006).** Fact-based drama about how the royal family and Tony Blair dealt with the aftermath of the death of Princess Diana. Starring an Oscar-winning Helen Mirren, with Michael Sheen.
- 5.30 **ITV News Central; Weather.**
- 5.35 **ITV News and Weather.**
- 5.45 **Live Pre-Season Football.** Arsenal v Manchester City (Kick-off 6.00pm). Coverage of the friendly contest between the Premier League teams, which takes place at Ullevi Stadium in Gothenburg, Sweden.
- 8.00 **Midsomer Murders.** When a landowner's body goes missing on the night of his death, Barnaby, Nelson and forensic pathologist Kam Karimore are drawn into a world of body-snatching. (R)
- 10.00 **ITV News and Weather; Weather.**
- 10.15 **Slow Train Through Africa with Griff Rhys Jones.** The comedian makes five train journeys taking in the spectacular sights of Africa, beginning in the north, on a railway line that links Morocco, Algeria and Tunisia. (R)
- 11.15 **Premiership Rugby 7s Highlights.** Action from the finals day at The Ricoh Arena in Coventry, which featured eight teams in two pools of four, with the two teams that topped the tables competing in the final.
- 12.15 **Jackpot247.** Viewers get the chance to participate in live interactive gaming from the comfort of their sofas, with a mix of roulette-wheel spins and lively chat from the presenting team.
- 3.00 **Motorsport UK.** Action from Croft, featuring the British F4 Championship and Renault Clio Cup. Commentary by Richard John Neil.
- 3.50 **ITV Nightscreen.**
- 5.05 **The Jeremy Kyle Show.** The host invites guests to air their differences over family and relationship issues, and provides them with his own brand of no-nonsense advice. (R)

Channel 4

- 6.15 **Shipping Wars.** Marc ships a trophy to a famous road race. (R)
- 6.40 **Mobil 1 The Grid.** Including an interview with Chris Hoy, who competed at the 24 Hours of Le Mans.
- 7.05 **Motor Sport: Chateau Impney Hill Climb.** Action from this year's staging of the event.
- 7.30 **Everybody Loves Raymond.** Part one of three. Marie gives Debra the silent treatment. (R)
- 7.55 **Everybody Loves Raymond.** Part two of three. Marie and Debra's feud continues. (R)
- 8.25 **Frasier.** Sam Malone turns up in Seattle. (R)
- 8.55 **Frasier.** Part two of three. Niles awaits his operation. (R)
- 9.30 **Sunday Brunch.** With music by Rizzle Kicks.
- 12.30 **FILM: The Great Mouse Detective (1986).** Animated adventure, with the voice of Vincent Price.
- 2.00 **The Simpsons: Homer Day.** Homer becomes a country singer's manager. (R)
- 2.25 **The Simpsons: Homer Day.** Homer meets Mel Gibson. (R)
- 2.55 **The Simpsons: Homer Day.** Homer traces his long-lost half-brother. (R)
- 3.25 **The Simpsons: Homer Day.** Homer gets trapped in a cave. (R)
- 3.55 **The Simpsons: Homer Day.** Homer reminisces about life with Marge. (R)
- 4.25 **The Simpsons: Homer Day.** Maude Flanders is killed. (R)
- 4.55 **The Simpsons: Homer Day.** Homer invents a new drink. (R)
- 5.25 **The Simpsons: Homer Day.** Homer wins \$1 million on the lottery. (R)
- 5.50 **Channel 4 News.**
- 6.15 **FILM: Monsters, Inc (2001).** Two monsters try to get a little girl who has wandered into their world back home before anyone finds out. Pixar animated comedy, with the voices of John Goodman and Billy Crystal.
- 8.00 **Flying to the Ends of the Earth.** Arthur Williams flies to the islands of the South Pacific and meets Tracey Johnson, who has turned the luxury retreat of Wadigi into a bolthole for celebrities and the super-rich.
- 9.00 **FILM: 47 Ronin (2013).** Premiere. A former slave leads a band of samurai as they battle monstrous and magical enemies in a quest for redemption. Fantasy adventure, with Keanu Reeves and Hiroyuki Sanada.
- 11.20 **FILM: Ghost (1990).** A murdered executive's spirit enlists the aid of a fraudulent psychic to help his girlfriend bring his killer to justice. Romantic fantasy, starring Demi Moore and Patrick Swayze.
- 1.40 **Friday Night Dinner.** (R)
- 2.10 **The World's Weirdest Weather.** An icicle the size of a house causes a street to close in Canada. (R)
- 3.05 **Walking the Himalayas.** Levison Wood travels along the Pakistan-India border. (R)
- 4.00 **Kirstie's Fill Your House for Free.** (R)
- 4.15 **Phil: Secret Agent Down Under.** (R)
- 5.10 **Location, Location, Location.** (R)

Channel 5

- 6.00 **Milkshake!:** Peppa Pig
- 6.05 **Toby's Travelling Circus**
- 6.15 **Angelina Ballerina**
- 6.30 **Bob the Builder**
- 6.40 **Wanda and the Alien**
- 6.50 **Zack and Quack**
- 7.05 **Pets**
- 7.10 **Noddy in Toyland**
- 7.20 **Paw Patrol**
- 7.35 **Little Princess**
- 7.50 **Pip Ahoy!**
- 8.10 **Blaze and the Monster Machines**
- 8.35 **Ben and Holly's Little Kingdom**
- 8.50 **Shimmer and Shine**
- 9.15 **Jelly Jamm**
- 9.30 **LazyTown**
- 9.55 **Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles.** (R)
- 10.30 **Football on 5: The Championship.** Highlights from the opening weekend's games in the Championship. (R)
- 11.30 **Football on 5: Goal Rush.** (R)
- 12.00 **Now That's Funny!** Internet-sourced videos with an amusing family friendly hook. (R)
- 1.00 **Benefits House: Me & My 26 Kids.** Large families whose sole source of income is benefits. (R)
- 2.00 **Benefits, Babies & Jail.** (R)
- 3.00 **Benefits: Can't Work, Won't Work.** People unable to work due to health problems and those who refuse to get jobs. (R)
- 4.00 **Benefits: 19 Kids and Counting the Cost.** Three women on benefits who are struggling to bring up their children. (R)
- 5.00 **Dogs Make You Laugh Out Loud 3.** Hilarious and outrageous dog-themed videos taken from the internet. (R)
- 6.00 **Now That's Funny!** Featuring animals behaving badly, lucky beginners, and a couple driving down a steep mountain.
- 6.55 **5 News Weekend.**
- 7.00 **Cricket on 5.** England v Pakistan. Mark Nicholas presents action from day five of the Third Test in the four-match series, which took place at Edgbaston.
- 8.00 **Toddlers Make You Laugh Out Loud.** Internet video clips of youngsters doing bizarre and humorous things, including a six-year-old performing Aretha Franklin's Respect. (R)
- 8.55 **5 News Weekend.**
- 9.00 **Celebrity Big Brother.** The ups and downs of life in the BB house as friendships and alliances are made, battle lines are drawn and arguments erupt.
- 10.00 **Bankrupt & Broke: When Celebs Go Bust.** Countdown show exploring how a celebrity lifestyle led to bankruptcy for a number of famous faces, with accounts from friends and colleagues of how they squandered their fortunes. (R)
- 11.30 **Body Freaks: Old Face, New Face.** Documentary following people who have had extreme cosmetic transformations, including a sales assistant who spent £100,000 to look like his idol, Kim Kardashian. (R)
- 12.30 **Lip Sync Battle.** Ride Along 2 co-stars Kevin Hart and Olivia Munn take part in the musical challenge.
- 12.55 **SuperCasino.**
- 3.10 **Now That's Funny!** (R)
- 4.00 **World's Most Pampered Pets.** (R)
- 4.45 **Wildlife SOS.** (R)
- 5.15 **Wildlife SOS.** (R)
- 5.40 **Angels of Jarm.** (R)
- 5.50 **Roary the Racing Car.** (R)

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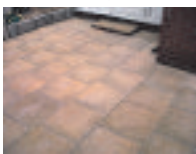
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Interviews to be held Friday 26th August 2016

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nee Morgan

Beloved Wife of Derek, loving and much loved Mother of Lynn and Pip and Mother-in-law to Mandy, a cherished Nan and Great-Nan, passed away peacefully in hospital.

The Funeral Service will take place in Emstrey Crematorium Chapel, Shrewsbury on Monday, August 8, at 12.30pm.

Family flowers only please, however all donations will support the work of The Lingen Davies Cancer Relief Fund.

It is requested that everyone wear red please.

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Pam

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The Funeral Service will take place in Emstrey Crematorium Chapel on Wednesday, August 10, at 1.15pm.

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Motoring



Kia celebrates 25 years in UK

From white wall tyres and £1 deposits to an industry leading seven year warranty and numerous design awards, Kia Motors (UK) Ltd is celebrating 25 years in the UK. The brand first started trading here in 1991, selling just under 1,800 cars in the UK in that year – a figure that it now sells on average every two weeks across its 188 strong dealer network.

Starting with just one model on sale in 1991 – the Kia Pride – the Kia range now covers nine segments with 12 cars on offer and with three engine types available in the UK – petrol, diesel and electric – this is soon to be expanded with the all-new petrol hybrid Niro going on sale in August.

With UK sales totalling 763,500 from 1991 to today, 44 per cent of the total has been in the last five years, highlighting the dramatic growth that the

brand has seen in recent years. Consumers have been attracted to the brand for its styling, quality and reliability as well as that industry-topping seven year warranty.

Commenting on Kia's 25th UK anniversary, Paul Philpott, president and CEO, Kia Motors (UK) Ltd, said: "Kia has been on quite a journey in recent years. Within Kia's time in the UK we have grown from a relatively small importer to challenging the best and most established brands in the industry."

"We have a fantastic, ever growing, range of cars and in 2016 and 2017 we will launch fourteen new and face-lifted cars. Kia are certainly not resting on its laurels for the next 25 years as we expand our sales and dealer network in the UK."

The Picanto – Pride's replacement – was the first car in the A-segment to offer a five-door model, launching a successful and quirky animated advert

asking consumers to 'Think about it', something that consumers have taken to heart – the Picanto is the biggest selling Kia in the UK since its introduction in 2004 with over 156,000 sold.

The Sportage, now in its fourth generation, has sold close to 140,000 and is Kia's second best-selling model with 16,000 of those being sold since the new model launch in February.

Although it has been in the UK for just 25 years Kia is still a company of firsts – from the five-door Picanto, through to dancing hamsters advertising for the Soul as well as the first manufacturer to utilise the independent review company Reevo so that customers can give unedited, uncensored feedback about its models and its dealerships – with over 20,000 reviews, 97 per cent of customers would chose Kia again.

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Division 1	P	W	L	D	Ag	P
Corio Valley A	16	12	4	0	300	102
Johnstown A	16	10	6	0	286	99
Whittington A	16	10	6	0	170	94
Chirk AAA	16	8	8	0	1193	64
Llangollen A	16	8	8	0	284	91
Ruabon A	16	10	5	1	132	87
Overton A	16	10	6	0	-2	86
Wiltons A	16	4	11	1	-198	67
Johnstown B	16	10	10	0	2250	64
Corwen A	16	5	11	0	-274	62
Church A	16	4	12	0	-250	58
Weston Rhyn A	16	6	9	1	-371	57

Division 2	P	W	L	D	Ag	P
Llanrhadr A	16	13	3	0	362	112
Cynydd A	16	11	4	1	350	102
Llanymynech A	16	10	5	1	208	100
Flecksy A	15	8	6	1	296	93
Ellesmere B	16	9	6	1	164	86
Criffins B	15	7	8	0	-80	74
Whittington B	16	9	7	0	-221	68
Llangynog A	15	5	9	1	-161	74
Church B	16	4	10	2	-231	62
Ye Ole Crofte	14	5	8	1	-154	58
Criffins C	16	11	1	0	-351	57
Bersham	15	5	9	1	-362	55

Division 3	P	W	L	D	Ag	P
Black Lion	16	11	5	0	338	107
Plas Kynaston A	16	13	3	0	365	106
Johnstown C	16	11	5	0	285	98
George	16	11	5	0	-78	89
Johnstown D	16	10	6	0	129	91
Corio Valley B	16	10	6	0	179	80
Fox Lane	16	6	9	1	61	79
Chirk AAA B	16	6	9	1	-104	72
Llanrhadr B	16	8	8	0	-113	71
Ellesmere A	16	5	11	0	-278	65
Whittington E	16	4	12	0	-354	53
Ruabon B	16	4	10	2	-440	43

Division 4	P	W	L	D	Ag	P
Corio Valley C	16	12	3	1	413	109
Llanymynech B	16	9	6	1	315	95
Overton B	16	10	6	0	236	95
Whittington C	16	10	6	0	179	90
Church C	16	10	5	1	234	92
Llangynog B	16	7	8	1	7	78
Llanrhadr C	16	6	6	4	-53	76
Johnstown E	16	8	8	0	-113	71
Cynydd B	16	6	10	0	-232	67
Plas Kynaston B	16	4	11	1	-318	63
Johnstown F	16	3	10	3	-316	60
Llanrhadr D	16	4	10	2	-324	57

Division 7 (Veterans)	P	W	L	D	Ag	P
Weston Rhyn A	14	10	4	0	321	78
Whittington D	14	10	4	0	248	68
Llangollen	14	11	3	0	198	74
Llangynog C	14	7	7	0	215	69
Overton C	14	8	6	0	108	66
Plas Kynaston C	14	7	7	0	93	63
Corio Valley C	14	9	5	0	-83	63
Chirk AAA C	14	3	11	0	-366	50
Llanrhadr E	14	4	10	0	-141	49
Weston Rhyn B	14	2	12	0	-376	43

Division 8 (Veterans)	P	W	L	D	Ag	P
Cynydd C	13	9	4	0	292	71
Church Club A	13	9	4	0	248	68
Llangynog D	12	6	6	0	72	61
Cynydd D	12	7	5	0	186	57
Y O Crofte	12	7	5	0	-112	52
Church Club B	12	4	8	0	-38	51
Llanrhadr F	12	4	8	0	-134	47
Overton D	13	5	8	0	-248	44
Whittington A	13	3	10	0	-266	44

Shrewsbury & District Evening Cricket League

Division 1	P	W	L	T	A	P
Frankton	10	7	3	0	157	78
Grasshoppers	9	7	2	0	152	72
Wem	9	6	3	0	135	66
Bornere Heath	9	4	5	0	100	60
Conder	10	3	7	0	89	54
Count	9	1	8	0	55	45

Division 2	P	W	L	T	A	P
Knitting	9	7	2	0	152	72
Knockin	9	5	2	0	109	59
Albury	9	4	5	0	109	59
Rough and Tumblers	9	3	5	1	90	50
Shelton	8	3	4	1	87	48
Bedouins	8	2	6	0	38	38

Division 3	P	W	L	T	A	P
Pontesbury	8	6	2	0	129	63
Beacon 1	8	5	3	0	117	59
Bornere Heath II	8	5	3	0	114	58
Pres	8	5	3	0	81	41
Action Reynald	6	2	4	0	62	32
Old Post Office	6	1	5	0	30	15

Division 4	P	W	L	T	A	P
Albury II	12	5	7	0	413	91
Wroes	12	5	7	0	413	91
Ellesmere	12	5	7	0	413	91
RAF Shawbury	12	5	7	0	413	91
Wellington	11	4	7	0	317	77
Alcort	11	4	7	0	317	77
Beacon II	12	1	6	5	76	46
Iscoyd and Fenns	12	0	7	5	75	45

Division 5	P	W	L	T	A	P
Wem II	12	7	2	0	216	81
Frankton II	10	6	4	0	313	75
Knockin II	12	4	3	0	421	81
RAF Shawb Arns	12	4	3	0	421	81
Caefall	11	3	5	0	391	75
Cae Glas	11	3	5	0	391	75
Llanidno	12	2	6	0	4	84

Results	P	W	L	T	A	P
T H Shoes	14	12	0	0	26	12
Colliers	15	11	3	0	23	12
Wanders	10	10	0	0	21	10
Cross	14	8	6	0	21	10
Burley	10	10	0	0	20	10
Eagle	13	4	8	0	21	10
C M Social	15	3	11	0	7	10
C M Social	15	3	11	0	7	10
Rams	14	1	13	0	5	10

Results
Bell 5 C M Social, 3 Collers 6 Young Uns 2

Mid Shropshire Bowling League

Division 1	P	W	L	D	Ag	P
Donn Wood A	19	18	1	0	226	109
Bowring A	19	17	2	0	209	107
Wrock Wood A	19	12	7	0	178	93
Sinclair A	19	12	7	0	157	87
Madley C C A	19	12	7	0	147	81
Horsehay A	19	12	7	0	147	81
Alcort A	19	8	11	0	141	75
Albington A	19	8	11	0	132	75
Newport A	19	7	12	0	126	70
St Georges B	19	5	14	0	105	65
Stockton A	19	5	14	0	105	65
Bylet A	19	4	15	0	97	58
Wrock Wood B	19	3	16	0	81	49

Division 2	P	W	L	D	Ag	P
Highley A	19	18	1	0	221	109
Cynydd A	19	15	4	0	210	103
Bridgnorth A	19	13	6	0	165	89
Trench A	19	11	8	0	159	83
Bowring B	19	12	7	0	158	82
Brosley A	19	11	8	0	146	78
Donn Wood B	19	7	12	0	132	70
Charlton A	19	8	11	0	126	70
Sinclair B	19	6	13	0	123	66
Horsehay B	19	6	13	0	119	65
Madley CC B	19	8	11	0	119	65
Shinall A	19	7	12	0	118	64
Newport B	19	7	12	0	118	64
Alcort B	19	3	16	0	90	49

Division 3	P	W	L	D	Ag	P
Highley B	16	15	1	0	184	95
Edmond A	16	12	4	0	156	81
Bridgnorth B	16	10	6	0	146	77
Charlton B	16	10	6	0	143	76
Donn Wood C	16	10	6	0	139	73
Madlocks A	16	9	7	0	134	70
Bowring C	16	9	7	0	122	67
St Georges C	16	8	8	0	117	64
Shinall B	16	7	9	0	116	63
Bylet B	16	7	9	0	113	61
Wrock Wood C	16	7	9	0	111	60
Brosley B	16	6	10	0	107	57
Trench B	16	4	12	0	91	47

Monday Division 4	P	W	L	D	Ag	P
SJ Bayley B	16	15	1	0	184	95
Edmond B	16	12	4	0	156	81
Bridgnorth C	16	10	6	0	146	77
Charlton C	16	10	6	0	143	76
Donn Wood D	16	10	6	0	139	73
Madlocks B	16	9	7	0	134	70
Bowring D	16	9	7	0	122	67
St Georges D	16	8	8	0	117	64
Shinall C	16	7	9	0	116	63
Bylet C	16	7	9	0	113	61
Wrock Wood D	16	7	9	0	111	60
Brosley C	16	6	10	0	107	57
Trench C	16	4	12	0	91	47

Division 5	P	W	L	D	Ag	P
HUSC B	13	12	1	0	145	76
SJ Bayley C	13	11	2	0	144	75
Bowring D	13	10	3	0	116	66
Madlocks C	13	8	5	0	114	62
Shinall D	13	8	5	0	106	60
Alcort C	12	6	6	0	96	54
Highley C	12	4	8	0	76	46
Wrock Wood E	12	3	9	0	75	45
Edmond C	13	3	10	0	62	32
Madley CC D	12	2	10	0	53	27

Division 6	P	W	L	D	Ag	P
Albington C	13	12	1	0	158	76
Church Club C	13	11	2	0	111	61
Saturday League	13	9	4	0	111	57
Sinclair D	13	6	7	0	93	53
Bridgnorth D	12	6	6	0	89	50
Charlton D	12	6	6	0	89	50
Horsehay D	13	6	6	0	86	49
Donn Wood E	13	5	8	0	82	48
SJ Bayley D	13	4	9	0	78	44
Shinall E	13	3	10	0	70	40
Wrock Wood F	12	2	10	0	55	35

Saturday League	P	W	L	D	Ag	P
Sinclair	12	11	1	0	107	53
Charlton Sat A	12	10	2	0	96	48
Wroes L D	12	10	2	0	84	44
Chirk AAA D	12	9	3	0	83	43
Highley D	13	5	8	0	63	33
Shinall F	13	5	8	0	56	32
Donn Wood Sat	12	3	9	0	42	22
Bridgnorth E	13	1	10	0	30	15
Charlton Sat B	12	1	11	0	25	12

St Martins win thriller to reach last four

A THRILLING tussle saw St Martins Village seal their place in the semi-final of the Graham Edwards Memorial Trophy after overcoming Gobowen Celtic despite finishing with nine men.

The Saints prevailed 5-3 in their last group game, to set up a semi-final meeting with TNS under-19s this week while Kinnerley took on FC Oswestry Town in the other semi.

The final will be played on Sunday and, like all the games, will be played at Gobowen. All money goes to Leukaemia Research.

Two goals from Tom Freeman on 10 and 35 had St Martins Village 2-0 up, and Aaron Davies made it 3-0 four minutes after the break to put them in full control.

But Gobowen stormed back in the second period with goals from Luke Dwyer (51) and George Morris (56) reducing the arrears to 3-2.

The Saints then had goalscorer Freeman sent off for his second booking on the hour, before Ian Heathcock levelled matters on 68 minutes.

Despite being a man short, St Martins booked their place with further goals from Davies and Tom Nash (88), before Nash became the second Saints player to see red when dismissed six minutes into injury time.

TNS under-19s, already guaranteed a last four spot, overcame Kinnerley 2-1 to top their group.

Andy Vale (22) gave the the young guns the lead, Andrew Webb levelled for Kinnerley on 38 minutes, but a second-half penalty from Michael Owen clinched the Saints win.

The final takes place at Gobowen on Sunday, 3pm.

Friendly win but trio pick up injuries

GUILDSFIELD are counting the cost of their pre-season win against Shawbury United.

New signing Robbie James, Aaron Edwards and Callum Bromley all sustained knocks, but it is hoped that they will be fit in time for the start of the new campaign when the Guils host Flint Town United in the Cymru Alliance on August 13.

Central defender James is back at Clos Mytton and Porthmadog midfielder Stuart Rogers has also arrived to boost the team, while boss Dan Barton is looking for a forward to pep up his side's attack.

Barton was on the mark in the 2-1 against Shawbury, the other being an own goal. The Guils host Welshpool in a friendly on Friday night.

Two goals apiece from new signing Nashawn Blake and Paul Griffiths saw Cymru Alliance rivals Llanfair United sweep aside Welshpool 6-0 in a pre-season game, Joe Vaughan and Josh Astley also on target.

FC Oswestry Town warmed up for their new challenge in the North West Counties League with a 4-1 win over Berriew.

Parry hopes are hit by a power failure

IT proved a difficult week for Elfyn Evans and his Oswestry-based co-driver Craig Parry despite their efforts in the Neste Rally Finland.

Driving in the WRC 2 category, the duo secured stage victories with M-Sport's Ecoboost-powered Ford Fiesta RS WRC to challenge the Scandinavians who are historically hard to beat in Finland.

But once again the Fiesta's speed was to go unrewarded as they were left to reflect on what could have been with a third place finish.

Holding a strong second place behind local hero Esa Pekka Lappi, Welshman Evans and Parry suffered a power failure which left them without power steering on the second pass of Surkeje.

"It's been a challenging weekend," admitted Evans.

Paterson penalty seals Town fightback

A SECOND-half fightback saw FC Oswestry Town Reserves secure a hard-fought 2-1 win over Spar Mid Wales side Four Crosses in pre-season friendly at Weston Rhyn.

A young and energetic Four Crosses side started much the brighter and controlled the early stages before taking the lead midway through the first period.

But Town came more into the game late in the half as they played out from the back through Jack and Paul Morris, with the experienced Steve Pugh marshaling. A couple of fresh faces in the second period

seemed to galvanise Town, with Lee Morris having a couple of half chances before levelling matters when beating the keeper with a lob.

The Oswestry side were denied a second following an offside decision after good work down the left hand side by Dominik Brown, but they continued to press.

After Four Crosses had been reduced to 10 men, Town made their numerical advantage count when getting their noses in front from the penalty spot.

Harry Dunn collected the ball on the right hand

side and beat a couple of players before the ball fell to Ish Rashid who was felled in the area, with the impressive Calum Paterson converting the spot-kick.

Manager Stephen Drury has assembled a promising squad for the new season in Mercian Regional League division one as he looks to add some silverware to the already full coffers due to the success of the first team last season.

Their final pre-season game is against Newtown side Maesyrhandir FC on Saturday at Weston Rhyn (2pm).

Timing and tractors see Davies edge win

CYCLING by Dave Fletcher

A timing error and the unexpected appearance of a tractor helped Matt Davies win the latest Friction Hydraulics Series round by a second.

The Rhino Velo rider finished just ahead of George Evans in the Oswestry Paragon 10 at Arddleen.

But that does not tell even half the story of an event which nearly had to be postponed due to a wind turbine convoy making infuriatingly slow progress on part of the course.

After a delay of more than half-an-hour, Davies took victory with a time of 20 minutes and 37 seconds, later revealing a misjudgement probably had a hand in the win as he started his final effort sooner than intended.

Davies explained: "It was a hard night, and tricky to judge with having to work into a headwind on the way out and have enough to get home.

"I misjudged the 'minute to go point' and ended up 'gassing it' for closer to two. A great turn out, and a lovely event with a superb selection of cakes to finish it off."

Evans, meanwhile, was not helped by a late traffic hold-up.

He revealed: "I knew it would be a close race. I was happy with my ride until about two miles to go when a tractor pulled out in front of me and I had to overtake, but that's racing and I'm happy to still be up there considering that."

A third place for Rhino Velo's Matt Garthwaite meanwhile helped them narrow Mid Shropshire Wheelers' lead in the top club standings.

In the Veteran's Championship, Paramount CRT's Gary Duncan took his third win of the series thanks to a strong ride which saw him home 39 seconds ahead of Bryn Davies.

"I wasn't expecting much after a hard ride on Sunday, so I was pleased with that," he said.

Despite the tough conditions, Jenny York not only extended her lead in the Veterans' Championship but also claimed victory in the women's event to move within five points of Pauline Hughes in the overall standings.

Her time of 25:39 was enough to see off the challenge of first-timer Lucy Davies, of Hafren CC, who came home in 26:08.

York stated: "I never seem to be very quick on this course although I really like it. I was pleased with a win especially when conditions were tough on the outward leg."

Devon Round finished top junior, getting round the course in 22:09 to take sixth-place overall.

More importantly, he now sits just 35 points behind Sam Morris in the junior standings with just three rounds to go.

Round said: "I was happy with my result, it's a shame the outward leg was so windy otherwise it would've been a much faster night."

Kirk clocks a new course record



Series leader Neil Coles in action in the Oswestry Paragon in which he came home seventh

KIRK VICKERS set a blistering pace as he clocked a new course record in round 12 of the Oswestry Paragon time trial series.

The Rhino Velo RT rider powered to victory in 20 minutes 28 seconds, knocking four seconds off the previous record set by Ryan Morley earlier in the year.

Vickers improved by 11 seconds on his quickest time on the course as he headed 46-strong field. Josh Williams came home in second place in 20:51.

Third place was hard fought with Andrew Campbell of Wrecsam Tri crossing the line

one second ahead of fourth-placed Stuart Proctor of Paramount CRT (22:43).

Simon Harrison of Mid Shropshire Wheelers was another three seconds back in fifth place.

Two more riders to record season bests were Simon Lewis (Oswestry Peloton), who took sixth in 23:15, and overall series leader Neil Coles, who was also fastest Paragon rider in 23:42 as he came home seventh.

David Scott of Rhino Velo RT was the quickest rider on a road bike, rather than the more aerodynamic time trial machines, finishing eighth in 23:45 on his first ride on the course.

Tying for ninth place were Andrew Howell of Oswestry Peloton and another newcomer, Andy Raho of Gog Tri, who both finished in 24:08.

There was another good turnout of juniors with seven taking part, 13-year-old Ben Pierce fastest of the group in a time of 25:55. Ryan Greaves (26:22) was the next best with Jack Young (28:02) completing the juniors' top three.

From Wednesday, the start time moves forward to 7pm for the last three events.

Black Lion go nine points clear at top

BOWLS by John Bridgwater

son and Gill Dawes winning to 12 and 16 respectively.

WHITTINGTON E remain in the relegation places after their 7-3 (136-128) reverse at Llangollen B, with Joan Holland (21-6) and Philip Pierpoint (21-9) the pick of their replies.

Consolidate

Simon Hayman (21-7) and Ben Parkes (21-9) were in fine fettle as **FOX LANE** hammered visiting Chirk B 9-1 (166-109) to consolidate their mid-table spot.

In division four, **WESTON RHYN C** stepped up their promotion push after sweeping aside Johnston E 9-1 (163-86) at home.

Pam Manley (21-2) took the coppers, Stephen Griffiths also winning well to three, with Rhyn now

joint second along with **LLANYMYNECH B** who went down 7-3 (146-125) at Overton B.

Young gun Kieran Jones was in good form to claim a 21-9 success, with James Candlin also prevailing to 14 in Llany's loss.

LLANRHAEDR C slipped to an 8-2 (162-120) reverse at Llanygrog C, Malcolm Smith the best of the replies with a 21-8 verdict.

Meanwhile, Llanrhaeadr's B team boosted their hopes of escaping the foot of the table after overcoming **LLANFYLLIN A** 7-3 (151-131).

Gwylfa Edwards (21-7) was the best for the hosts with Gwyn Gwalchmai (21-11) responding.

Results:

Division three: George B 8 (160) Johnston C 2 (118), Llangollen B 7 (136) Whittington E 3 (128), Ceiriog Valley B 6 (151) Ellesmere A 4 (140), Johnston D 1 (130) Black Lion 9 (163), Plas Kynaston 8 (156) Ruabon 2 (117), Fox Lane 9 (166) Chirk B 1 (109).
Division four: Llanygrog C 8 (162) Llanrhaeadr C 2 (120), Church C 6 (142) Plas Kynaston 4 (121), Overton B 7 (146) Llanymynech B 3 (125), Llanrhaeadr B 7 (151) Llanyfyllin A 3 (131), Weston Rhyn C 9 (163) Johnston E 1 (86), Cynwyd B 3 (107) Ceiriog Valley C 7 (143).

Three come in and five head for exit at Llanfair

LLANFAIR UNITED have moved to bolster their squad by securing three new signings as they prepare for their second season in the Huws Gray Cymru Alliance.

Midfielders Dan Kenyon, Nyasha Mwamuka and forward Nashawn Blake have all arrived while five players have left.

After narrowly avoiding relegation last season, Llanfair will be desperate to finish higher up the table this time.

Kenyon arrives from Spar Mid Wales League neighbours Carno where he was part of the squad that lifted the Central Wales Cup last term when defeating Guilsfield in the final on penalties.

Fellow midfielder Mwamuka has spent the past three years with the TNS Development squad while studying at Walford College.

He attended Llanfair Caereinion High School and played for Llanfair under-13s and under-14s before moving on to Shrewsbury Town academy. Mwamuka was called up to the Welsh under-16s squad in 2012 and played for his country in the 2013 Victory Shield. Last season, he was also a member of under-18 Welsh Academy squad.

Blake, who joins from Aberystwyth Town, was part of Birmingham City's Development squad until last year when he went to Aberystwyth University.

After playing for the university, Blake joined Aberystwyth where he played for their under-19 side, making the jump up to the first team on a few occasions.

Leaving are Ben Jones (Carno), Toby Evans (Carno), Rhys Stephens (Berriew), Jay Bishop (Churchstoke) and Ian Edmunds (Llanrhaeadr).

Ifton move up the table despite loss

IFTON'S bowlers moved up to fifth spot in the Flowfit Shropshire Premier League despite their defeat away to Wrockwardine Wood in their third successive game on the road.

The St Martins side returned with five winners as they succumbed 9-5 after losing the aggregate by 51 shots (223-172).

One of the best performances of the night came from Leighton Roberts who prevailed 21-14 to take his team's most valuable player honour, while the biggest win came from Andrew Hughes who overcame Phil Clee 21-8.

Dave Bond won to 16, Nicky Jones 21-18 while Keiron Roberts took the honours in the closest game of the night when edging out Martin Williams 21-20.

After their travels, Ifton are back on home surrounds on Friday night when they host second bottom Bylet as they chase a healthy haul of points to consolidate their top-five position.

Wrigley able to extend lead at Snetterton

TOM WRIGLEY has extended his championship lead in the Michelin Ginetta GT4 Supercup with a pair of podium finishes in the latest rounds of the championship at Snetterton in Norfolk

Returning to action after a lengthy eight-week break since the last rounds at Oulton Park in early June, Oswestry's Wrigley headed into the weekend in buoyant mood as he returned to the scene of his maiden Supercup victory last year with five consecutive race wins under his belt.

The two podium finishes have extended his championship lead to 68 points over Jamie Orton and Burns heading into the annual trip north of the border to Knockhill in Scotland on August 13 and 14.

Convincing win keeps Guilsfield in the hunt

GUILSFIELD stepped up their promotion push in the Henshalls Shropshire Cricket League division four with a convincing eight-wicket success against Coton Hall.

Victory, which brought 20 points, kept the Guils well placed in third spot, now just one point behind Acton Reynald.

They never looked back after winning the toss, skittling their visitors for 77 with Rob Owen doing much of the damage with 5-20 off eight overs.

There were also two wickets apiece for Sam Birch (2-20) and David Harris (2-20).

Despite losing both openers early, Guilsfield cantered to the victory and will look to maintain their momentum away to Overton on Saturday.

WHITTINGTON, in fourth, also maintained their challenge in the reserve division three courtesy of a 110-run beating of Welshpool II at Maesdyre.

Openers Kieron Lewis (77) and Jonathan Mitchell (58) put the villagers on course for a testing 252-7 in 40 overs, before dismissing Pool for 142.

Mitchell taking 3-28 while Nick Davies (48) top scored for the Mid Wales hosts.

FRANKTON II suffered a six-wicket loss to Beacon to lose ground on the leading pack in the reserve division one.

Target

Opting to bat first, they struggled to 102 all out, Elwyn Jones top scoring on 35, while John Howarth was the standout performer with the ball in taking 5-24 off 15 overs.

Despite Jones then picking up a couple of wickets late in the day, Beacon were well on their way to the target thanks to 39 from Michael Turner.

In the same division, **KNOCKIN & KINNERLEY II** – who sit one place above Frankton – were involved in a thrilling tussle at Alberbury before being edged out by two wickets.

Skipper Marcus Williams made 37 at No9, and fellow tailender Jonny Evans contributed with 23 to help Knockin up to a respectable 145, Alex Hughes taking 4-28 off 15 overs.

They looked to have the win in the bag after ripping out the early order, but were stunned by an unbeaten 54 from Alex Hughes who saw Alberbury over the line with a flurry of runs at the death.

Jonny Evans was the pick of the bowlers with 5-42 off 14 overs and Marcus Williams finished with 2-34.

Knockin loss despite runs from batsmen

THE runs flowed as **KNOCKIN & KINNERLEY** suffered a high-scoring nine-wicket defeat at the hands of the Alberbury to frustrate their challenge in the Henshalls Shropshire League division one.

Deciding to bat first, Knockin's batsmen made the most of good conditions at the Nursery Ground to rattle up an imposing 281-8 in 50 overs.

Opener Steven Gray set the tone with a breezy 87 off 64 balls, which included a couple of sixes and 13 other boundaries.

Gary Darlington also joined in the run feast with 59, while four players made it into the 20s as the bowlers were put to the sword.

But Alberbury were up for the chase as they stormed to victory for the loss of just one wicket and with over three overs to spare.

Michael Crawshaw led the way at the top of the order with an unbeaten 104, fellow opener Charles Bourne weighed in with 69 while Mark Jones smashed a lively 81 not out, with three sixes and 10 fours.

Jak Jones bagged the only wicket to fall, but it was tough going for the bowlers.

Welshpool suffer promotion setback

WELSHPOOL'S promotion hopes in the Shropshire Cricket League division two suffered a setback after slipping to a tense six-run defeat at Ellesmere.

Pool had been going well in recent weeks to move into second spot, emerging the chief challengers to runaway leaders and local rivals Montgomery.

But their chase stalled as they succumbed to the Meresiders who picks up a maximum 25 points to Pool's eight. Welshpool are still second, although now 77 points off the pace, while they are now 13 points ahead of Wheaton Aston who are hard on their heels in third spot.

Put in to bat, Ellesmere were bowled out for 172 in 40 overs, but the visitors fell short on 166 in the 45th over. Ashley Thomas was the hero for the Meresiders, finishing unbeaten on 75 to carry the innings after openers Laurence Ashley and Fraser Duncan had both gone for 24.

Kieran Evans took 3-10 to finish off the innings, Mat Mcwhinnie also nabbed 3-41 while there were two wickets apiece for Tom Anderson and Joe Monk.

In reply, opener Paul Chapman hit 29, skipper Tom Anderson 37 and Russell Cadwallader 27 not out, but the latter order fell away as Pool were sent back for 166 in 44.3 overs to fall agonisingly short.

Ashley Thomas completed a good game with 3-41, while George Duncan picked up 2-58 and Tom Cockayne 2-20 to help their side consolidate their mid-table position.

There's no stopping **MONTGOMERY** at the top

after the pacesetters, inspired by some terrific bowling from James Corfield, put paid to lowly visitors Shrewsbury III by 25 runs.

Asked to bat first, Monty were restricted to 152-8 from their 45 overs, opener Andrew Barker top scoring with 52 before being run out.

Fellow opener Ieuan Griffiths chipped in with 21, while Tim Davies and Sam Williams both made 20.

But Monty's bowlers ensured there was no upset, with the in-form Corfield soon among the wickets as he dismissed both openers cheaply on his way to stunning figures of 8-40 from 14 overs.

Sam Williams bagged the other two wickets to fall, while Henry Bedford provided some resistance with 50 before becoming one of Corfield's eight victims.

Five-star Saints put on show in friendly

FOOTBALL by John Bridgwater

THE NEW SAINTS showed just why they are Welsh Premier champions with a 5-0 rout of Cymru Alliance high-fliers Caernarfon Town in their latest pre-season outing.

After putting nine goals past neighbours FC Oswestry Town at Park Hall a few days before, boss Craig Harrison sent another strong squad to face the Cofis who missed out on promotion to the top flight last season despite winning their league.

After a very tight first half, in which a goal from Adrian Cieslewicz separated the sides, the Saints proved their credentials in a scintillating eight minute period after the break during which they found the net on three occasions before eventually running out 5-0 winners.

Although the visitors started brightly, it was Caernarfon who created the first goalscoring opportunity when neat interplay between Cory Williams and Jay Gibbs in the fifth minute carved an opening for Nathan Craig, his first time effort saved by the ever-reliable Paul Harrison, who was sharp to get down low to his right.

At the other end, Gareth Edwards saved the hosts shortly after when he did well to clear off his own line after former Wrexham player Cieslewicz had managed to slip the ball past custodian Alex Lynch.

There was no such escape in the 17th minute, however, as Cieslewicz found the net courtesy of a deflection to give his side the lead.

Caernarfon stuck to their gameplan and worked hard to close down the visitors in midfield, while keeper Alex Lynch made two excellent saves to keep his side in touching distance at half-time.

Harrison rang the changes for the second period and the fresh legs certainly had an impact as Greg Draper, Steve Saunders and a Gareth Edwards own goal saw TNS surge into a four-goal lead.

Caernarfon refused to let their heads drop and continued to work hard to keep their shape despite seeing little of the ball for long periods.

Jamie Breese and Darren Thomas went close to pulling a goal back before Draper added a fifth for the visitors with his second goal of the game nine minutes from time.

Boss Craig Harrison was happy with the performances, adding: "It's not about results, but the important thing was giving all the players game time. Most had at least 45 minutes and a few others who did not feature in the European games had 90 minutes."

Lowe hits the heights in Gallop



Ian Lowe with, left, race organiser Ray Pickett and, right, club chairman Alec White

IAN LOWE led the way for Oswestry Olympians as several of the club's runners donned their fell shoes to participate in the highly popular Gyrn Gallop.

The annual challenge, in conjunction with the Rhiwlas village summer fair, took place on a glorious summer's day in the Welsh

hills, with competitors running up and down a mountain.

This year's event was won by Andy Salt from Ludlow Runners, while Lowe made his mark in third spot, the first male Olympian home closely followed by Tom Heard in fourth.

The leading Olympian lady

was Ellen Ashton.

Gyrn Gallop Fell Race: 1, 43:58 Andy Salt M 1 1; 3, 47:49 Ian Lowe M45 1 3; 4, 48:01 Tom Heard M 2 4; 7, 50:59 Brian Rothera M45 3 7; 10, 54:41 Steve Roberts M60 1 10; 12, 55:41 Richard Fogg M50 1 11; 13, 56:54 John Snell M50 2 12; 17, 61:52 Ellen Ashton F45 1 3; 22, 64:32 Fanelia Heard F35 1 6; 23, 64:51 Alec White M65 2 17; 27, 69:02 Peter Nesbitt M50 4 21; 28, 75:11 Ellen Harrison F60 1 7; 30, 81:48 Kelly Kryptonite Clarke F35 2 9.

Blakemore takes game away from Cae Glas

A WHIRLWIND knock from Luke Blakemore kept **CAE GLAS** rooted to the foot of the Henshalls Shropshire League division two after suffering a six-wicket defeat away to Wheaton Aston.

After maintaining their improvements with the bat by posting a creditable 165-6 against an accurate attack, the Glas had realistic hope of gaining a much-needed win.

However, they were stunned by a terrific innings from Luke Blakemore who hammered 50 not out off just 18 balls, including six sixes.

His knock saw Wheaton Aston reach their target with three overs to spare, leaving the visitors with just five points for their efforts as they remain adrift at the basement.

Batting first, Glas batted manfully, with opener Ben Hipkiss making 39, Aidan Martyn 35 not out, Gareth Edgerton 28 and Nick Morris 20, while there were two wickets apiece for Nathan Whittingham (2-28) and Alex Curtiss (2-30).

The home side made a steady start in reply against some accurate bowling from skipper Gareth Edgerton and Andy Hughes and, at the half way stage, they were behind schedule, although without the loss of any wickets.

When both openers, skipper Whittingham and William Curtiss, were dismissed shortly after the break, both for 37, the odds favoured victory for the visitors as Wheaton Aston slipped to 114-4, with 10 overs left.

But Blakemore swung the game dramatically, smashing six sixes in a quickfire 50 not out.

Second team consolidate their position

OSWESTRY Tennis Club's ladies second team secured a 7-1 win at home to Hollies 2 to consolidate their top-three position in the Shropshire League 4N.

The first pair of Speth Cumpston and Carol Slater, who stepped up from the third team, got off to a terrific start and flew through in straight sets against the Hollies second pair with the same scoreline 6-0, 6-3.

In the reverse rubbers, Cumpston and Slater again won in straight sets 6-2, 6-3, while Clark and Yates were having a titanic struggle.

After taking the first set to a tie-break which they narrowly lost 7-6, the second set was also tight with long rallies before the Hollies pair prevailed 7-5. With Oswestry victorious in three of the four rubbers, they came out 7-1 winners.

CRICKET FIXTURES

Shropshire Cricket League
Premier Div: Forton v Albrighton; Ludlow & South Shropshire v St Georges; Madeley v Wern; Quatt v Frankton; Sentinel v Brosley; Shelton v Bomere Heath.

Div One: Alberbury v Wellinglton; Allscott v Lillieshall; Beacon v Cound; M Drayton v K & Kinnerley; Newtown v W Grove; Pentesbury v Conderover.

Div Two: Cae Glas v Ellesmere; Church Stretton v Tibberton; Iscody & Fenns Bank v Bishops Castle; Shrewsbury v Pree; Welshpool v Montgomery; Willey v Walsall; Walsall v Market Drayton.

Div Three: Calverhall v Harcourt; Chelmarsh v Shifnal; Corvedale v Ludlow & Sth Shropshire; Harpers v Llanidloes; Hodnet & Peplow v Church Aston; Trypill & Seisdon v Much Wenlock.

Div Four: Bridgnorth v Beacon; Coton Hall v Allscott; Hinstock v Wroxeter Grove; Overton-on-Dee v Guilsfield; Quayside v Quatt; St Georges v Acton Reynald.

Reserve Div One: Cound v Beacon; Frankton v Quatt; Knockin & Kinnerley v Sentinel; St Georges v Ludlow & South Shropshire; Wellinglton v Alberbury; Wern v Madeley.

Reserve Div Two: Bomere Heath v Shelton; Conderover v Pontesbury; Ellesmere v Cae Glas; Lillieshall v Iscody & Fenns Bank; Montgomery v Forton; Wroxeter Grove v Willey.

Reserve Div Three: Acton Reynald v Shrewsbury; Albrighton v Lillieshall; Bishops Castle v Corvedale; Ludlow & South Shropshire v Llanidloes v Welshpool; Much Wenlock v Allscott; Shifnal v St Georges; Whittington v Newtown.

Sunday

Div One: B Hth v Alberbury; Cound v Frankton; Oswestry v Wellinglton; Sentinel v Pontesbury; Wern v Newport; Worfield v Knockin & Kinnerley.

Div Two: Knockin & Kinnerley v Lillieshall; Madeley v Ludlow & South Shropshire; Market Drayton v Bridgnorth; Wellinglton v Oswestry; Whitchurch v Madeley.

Oswestry are frustrated by leaders

CRICKET by John Bridgwater

ingly put his side in charge.

OSWESTRY II put in a poor performance against Bridgnorth II at Morda Road, going down to a crushing 10-wicket defeat in the Birmingham League 2nd XI League division one.

Only Steve Humphreys (34) and Ian Davies (19) made any sort of contribution as Oswestry were bowled out for a measly 82.

Bridgnorth openers Andrew Carson (42no) and Oliver Gill (36no) then knocked off the runs in 23.3 overs as the visitors won with ease.

OSWESTRY III, on the other hand, turned in a fine all-round display to earn a four-wicket victory at Alberbury Thirds in the Shropshire League Sunday division one.

Kurt Finnigan led the way with 80 for Alberbury, who reached a creditable 206 all out.

Owen Aspinall returned the best figures for Oswestry with 4-42, while Max Payne took 3-54 off 14 overs. Half-centuries by Martin Chambers (54no)

and James Bradbury (51) then helped Oswestry to 207-6, with Payne adding 37 and Adam Woodcock 25.

Ryan Savage took 3-57 for the home side.

Just three runs separated the teams in a real thriller between **OSWESTRY IV** and Market Drayton Thirds at Morda Road in the Sunday division two.

Drayton sportingly declared on 236-7 after 36.1 of their 40 overs, with skipper Matt Cowap-Tait falling just two short of a well-deserved century.

Stuart Owen was in good form with the ball for Oswestry, taking 4-14, while there were two wickets for debutant Graeme Boyd.

Neil Darley then hit 91 as Oswestry went so close to victory, finishing on 233-8. Jim Phillips added 28 before running himself out and Adrian Griffith hit 21.

Oswestry seconds are at home to Walsall II on Saturday (12.30).

The Thirds take on Wellinglton IV at Morda Road on Sunday, and the fourth string visit Wellinglton Sixths (both 1.30pm).

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Whittington stay in touch with leaders

WHITTINGTON A cranked up the title pressure in Oswestry and District Bowling League division one after pulling off a terrific 6-4 win away to one of their chief rivals Johnstown A.

Ben Hampson (21-10) and Julian Turner (21-13) led the way as the visitors took the aggregate by just three shots (144-141) to claim a notable scalp.

They are now breathing down the necks of the leaders in third place, with Ceiriog Valley A also in the title running.

At the other end of the table, CHURCH A's tough campaign continued as they suffered a 9-1 (161-97) beating at CRIPTINS A. Phil Laker their one winner to 14. Gary Wilkie (21-5) was one of three single figure winners for the Duddleston Heath hosts.

Defeat leaves Church in the bottom two, one point above WESTON RHYN A who slipped deeper in relegation danger after slumping 9-1 (160-86) at Overton A. Andy Riley gaining their consolation with a 21-13 success.

Rhyn now face a vital home clash with basement rivals Corwen next Tuesday.

In division two, leaders LLANRHAEDR A suffered an 8-2 (156-102) reverse in their top of the table clash at Cynwyd A, their two replies coming from Steve Jones and Neil Jones to 10 and 20 respectively.

They still remain top, four points clear of Cynwyd, while third-placed LLANYMYNECH A made up ground with an 8-2 home win against ELLESMERE B, taking the aggregate by 45 (148-103). They are now six points off the top.

Fine single figure wins from Henry Pugh (21-3) and Mark Kirkham (21-5) set up their win, with Doug McCoy responding to 10. Llany now face a crunch clash away to Llanrhaeadr on Tuesday.

CHURCH B notched a welcome 8-2 (165-117) home win against Llangynog A to ease any fears of being dragged into a basement scrap, Cheryl Weaver and Glenns Jones both prevailing 21-8.

Mid-table WHITTINGTON B edged out visiting CRIPTINS B 6-4 (11 shots), Andy Cawthray (21-5) their best winner.

Oswestry prepare to hit road again

OSWESTRY again hit the road as they bid to continue their upturn in fortunes in the Birmingham Cricket League division two when they visit Wombourne on Saturday (midday).

After gaining a long-awaited home win the week before when overcoming Stourbridge, the Morda Road side produced another encouraging performance to earn a winning draw at leaders Tamworth last weekend.

Seamer Ian Davies and off spinner Sam Huxley are called up, while Joe Carrasco is again a doubt after missing last weekend due to illness.

Chairman Mike Robinson praised another good display at Tamworth.

"It's frustrating as it's the fourth time in the last seven games that we've had the opposition down to the last one or two wickets," said Robinson.

"Thirteen points against Tamworth is a poor return when you think that with two more wickets we would have got 20, but those are the rules."

Saints start off with a trip to Kerry

FOOTBALL by John Bridgewater

NOW back in the Spar Mid Wales League, LLANSANTFFRAID VILLAGE get the season under way with a Friday night fixture away to Kerry.

The Saints, who resigned from the league last season, have returned to division two after their success in the JT Hughes Montgomeryshire League.

Their first game is against Kerry, while Churchstoke host Abermule on the same night, with both games kicking off at 7pm.

The Villagers had been due to take on Bettws, but their scheduled opponents have since pulled out of the league due to a lack of players. Second

division champions BERRIEW mark their return to division one with a trip to Bow Street on Saturday.

MONTGOMERY will hope for better fortunes this season when they launch their campaign at home to Hay St Mary's and LLANRHAEDR face an early season test at home to Carno.

WATERLOO ROVERS kick off their campaign with a home meeting against Radnor Valley, while Rhayader Town, who are back in the league following their relegation from the Cymru

Alliance, welcome Machynlleth.

There are five first division fixtures next Tuesday, which includes Berriew's home meeting with Rhayader Town and Waterloo's trip to Carno, while Montgomery visit Llanrhaeadr.

WELSHPOOL'S first action is away to Llandrindod Wells next Wednesday, with Llansantffraid away to Churchstoke on the same night.

The club have undergone changes during the summer, with former boss Russell Cadwallader becoming chairman and Terry Ingram taking over as manager.

Club stalwart Clive Rowlands has succeeded Brian Jones as president.

End of era as Williams exits Saints

STRIKER Matty Williams has parted company with The New Saints after six successful years with the Welsh Premier League champions – and now plans to switch to part-time football.

The former Manchester United youth player has been a key figure at Park Hall after arriving back in June 2010, and quickly made his mark in his first season, scoring 24 goals from 38 appearances in all competitions.

He also made 11 (+5) European appearances, scoring twice in the Saints' first-ever European victory against Bohemians and also in ties against B36 Torshavn and Videoton and has a career total of 82 goals from his 129 (+53) Welsh Premier appearances.

In the past few seasons, however, the 33-year-old has been unable to command a regular starting place with the full-timers.

Williams, 33 joined Manchester United as a 16-year-old and spent five years at Old Trafford without ever breaking into the first team, also being capped by Wales Under-21s.

Despite scoring plenty of goals at reserve level, he was released and joined Notts County, where he spent two seasons and made 26 appearances.

After a loan spell with Tamworth, Williams signed a permanent contract for the then Conference outfit, scoring five times from 31 appearances. He also played for Burton Albion and Rhyl.

TNS' Welsh Premier trip to Llandudno will be screened live by S4C on Saturday, August 20.

The Saints will also be in front of the cameras on Saturday, September 17, when they entertain last season's runners-up Bala Town, while their return game with Llandudno on Saturday, October 15 is another TV date. All games kick off at 5.15pm.

Two goals from player boss Danny Barton were not enough to stop his Gullsfield side from suffering a 3-2

Fletcher hits 67 to equal course record

MARK FLETCHER equalled the course record at Welshpool Golf Club on his way to winning the WR Davies Club Championship.

Fletcher (5) carded a superb gross round of 67 on Sunday to equal the record to add to his Saturday round of 76 for a total of 143. Second was Gareth Williams (5) with 151 and third Jon Gamble (4) also on 151.

The Two Ts Trophy for the best nett score over two days was also, unsurprisingly, won by Fletcher with a total score of 133. Second on count-back, was Alun Evans (14) with 138 and from Steven Lloyd (19) also with 138.

On Sunday, the Ken Shaw Trophy for the best individual nett round that day, and thereby denying Mark Fletcher a clean sweep of all major trophies, was won by Gwynfor Evans (27) with a score of 61.

Second was Fletcher (5) with 62 and in 3rd was Alun Evans (14) with 67.

Winning the Seniors' Trophy for the best individual round over two days was Robert Aldridge (8) with a nett 69 on day one.

DERBY CLASH FOR TOP TWO

CRICKET by John Bridgewater

TWO of the league's leading wicket-takers could come face to face when Welshpool tackle high-flying Powys rivals Montgomery in Saturday's top-of-the-table clash at Maesydre

Second-placed promotion chasers Pool will be out to put the brakes on runaway Monty, who have stormed 77 points clear at the top of the Shropshire Cricket League division two.

And the Powys derby could throw up the possibility of two of the division's top bowlers – Tom Anderson and James Corfield – coming head to head after proving the scourge of opposition batsmen this season.

Montgomery ace Corfield has been in terrific form with the ball, with his stunning 8-40 against Shrewsbury last weekend taking his tally to 37 wickets at a cost of 5.73 each.

Welshpool's Anderson is also having a profitable campaign, with the opening bowler picking up 42 wickets at an average of 8.36 this term.

Having seen their good run halted by a seven-wicket loss at Ellesmere, Welshpool will be doubly determined.

Despite being 77 points off the pace, Welshpool are still well placed in second spot, lying 13 points ahead of Wheaton Aston who are hard their chief rivals in third spot.

Monty, however, are looking unassailable after tightening their grip at the top following their 25-run victory over lowly Shrewsbury last week. But regardless of title and promotion ambitions, local pride, as always, will be high on the agenda.

CAE GLAS, lying 51 points adrift at the foot of the second division, continue their basement battle when they take on ELLESMERE at Gatacre.

In-form GUILDSFIELD are away to rival challengers Overton in division four as they look to maintain their promotion push.

Elsewhere, Frankton visit Quatt in the premier division and Knockin & Kinnerley are also on the road to Market Drayton in division one.

Kelly bags a hat-trick of wins



Kelly Richardson shows off her trophy after winning the Oswestry League Ladies Singles for the third time

KELLY Richardson's remarkable run in the Oswestry League Ladies Singles has continued with a third success in four years – and she's not 20 yet!

The young Johnstown bowler's latest triumph came at Llanymynech when she beat Sue Taylor of Weston Rhyn in the final.

"With only 12 entries we played two round robin groups to determine the four to play in the knockout stage," said league competition secretary Trevor Roberts.

"Kelly Richardson and Sharon Roberts, both of Johnstown, topped their sections undefeated with Sue Taylor (Weston Rhyn) and Joan Jones (Cynwyd) getting through in second places.

"The semi-final draw pitted Kelly and Sharon together, with Kelly soon getting the upper hand and running away with the game, while Sue fought off Joan's late come back to gain her place in the final.

"Kelly proved too strong on the day and ran out a worthy winner. It was her third win in the last four years and she'll be 20 later this year."

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